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WASHINGTON, November 10, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 5 totaled an estimated 20.2 billion ton-miles, up 2.3 percent from the 19.8 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 847.6 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 5 totaled 456,694, up 2.5 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 0.5 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.7 percent in the West, and 0.6 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of metallic ores increased by 4,972 cars (26.9 percent), and chemicals and allied products were up 2,421 cars (9.3 percent). Thirteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended October 29 totaled 125,498 trailers and/or containers, up 7.6 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 4,783,116 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/5/88:

	Loadings in Week ended November 5, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,332	D	288	0.9	I	2,294	7.9
Other farm products	3,194	D	865	21.3	D	216	6.3
Metallic ores	23,446	I	4,972	26.9	D	2,047	8.0
Coal	131,146	I	632	0.5	I	5,454	4.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,433	I	394	2.2	D	651	3.4
Nonmetallic minerals	10,154	I	703	7.4	D	553	5.2
Grain mill products	11,099	D	128	1.1	I	312	2.9
Food and kindred products	11,934	D	301	2.5	I	260	2.2
Primary forest products	9,584	D	516	5.1	D	5	0.05
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,275	D	325	4.3	D	676	8.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,671	D	192	1.6	D	44	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,473	I	2,421	9.3	I	75	0.3
Petroleum products	5,218	I	407	8.5	D	22	0.4
Stone, clay and glass products	11,512	D	126	1.1	D	118	1.0
Coke	5,595	D	313	5.3	D	375	6.3
Metals and products	9,830	D	1,069	9.8	D	754	7.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,277	I	1,665	7.7	I	275	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,793	D	178	1.8	D	290	2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,585	D	405	13.5	I	70	2.9
All other carloads	91,143	I	4,857	5.6	D	839	0.9
Total Cars Loaded	456,694	I	11,345	2.5	I	2,150	0.5
Corresponding week of 1987	445,349						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	18,802,900	17,993,317	I 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 weeks ended October 29	827.4	778.0	I 6.4
Week ended November 5	20.2	19.8	I 2.3
44 Weeks cumulative	847.6	797.7	I 6.3

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WASHINGTON, November 17, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 12 totaled an estimated 19.9 billion ton-miles, up 2.5 percent from the 19.4 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 867.5 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 12 totaled 445,196, up 2.7 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 2.5 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 2.0 percent in the East and 3.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Coal loadings increased by 6,111 cars (4.9 percent), and chemicals and allied products were up 2,270 cars (8.7 percent). Grain decreased by 3,311 cars (10.9 percent). Fourteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended November 5 totaled 124,071 trailers and/or containers, up 6.4 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 4,907,187 trailers and/or containers, up 5.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/12/88:

	Loadings in Week ended November 12, 1988	Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,039	D	3,311	10.9	D	4,263	13.6
Other farm products	3,766	D	130	3.3	I	572	17.9
Metallic ores	21,103	I	1,541	7.9	D	2,343	10.0
Coal	131,263	I	6,111	4.9	I	119	0.09
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,312	I	936	5.7	D	1,102	6.0
Nonmetallic minerals	9,888	D	164	1.6	D	266	2.6
Grain mill products	10,794	D	558	4.9	D	306	2.8
Food and kindred products	11,323	D	395	3.4	D	621	5.2
Primary forest products	9,839	D	318	3.1	I	224	2.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,144	D	730	9.3	D	114	1.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,163	D	601	5.1	D	516	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,251	I	2,270	8.7	D	231	0.8
Petroleum products	5,142	I	22	0.4	D	78	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	11,183	D	54	0.5	D	307	2.7
Coke	5,699	I	451	8.6	I	104	1.9
Metals and products	9,935	D	176	1.7	I	88	0.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	24,162	I	2,447	11.3	I	898	3.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,665	D	440	4.4	D	121	1.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,291	D	502	18.0	D	294	11.4
All other carloads	88,234	I	5,204	6.3	D	2,876	3.2
Total Cars Loaded	445,196	I	11,603	2.7	D	11,433	2.5
Corresponding week of 1987	433,593						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	19,248,031	18,426,910	I 4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 weeks ended November 5	847.6	797.7	I 6.3
Week ended November 12	19.9	19.4	I 2.5
45 Weeks cumulative	867.5	817.1	I 6.2

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WASHINGTON, November 28, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 19 totaled an estimated 20.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.8 percent from the 19.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 887.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 19 totaled 451,818, up 1.9 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 1.5 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.8 percent in the West but down 0.7 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 2,367 cars (11.4 percent), and chemicals and allied products were up 2,289 cars (8.6 percent). Grain decreased by 1,823 cars (6.0 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended November 12 totaled 123,620 trailers and/or containers, up 9.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 5,030,807 trailers and/or containers, up 5.9 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/19/88:

	Loadings in Week ended November 12, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,738	D	1,823	6.0	I	1,699	6.3
Other farm products	4,332	I	752	21.0	I	566	15.0
Metallic ores	20,897	I	2,007	10.6	D	206	10.0
Coal	133,077	D	1,584	1.2	I	1,814	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,500	I	2,005	12.9	I	188	1.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,999	D	471	4.5	I	111	1.1
Grain mill products	10,829	D	280	2.5	I	35	0.3
Food and kindred products	11,333	D	624	5.2	I	10	0.08
Primary forest products	10,325	D	460	4.3	I	486	4.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,247	D	753	9.4	I	103	1.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,458	D	178	1.5	I	295	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	29,010	I	2,289	8.6	I	602	2.1
Petroleum products	5,250	I	445	9.3	I	108	2.1
Stone, clay and glass products	10,846	I	392	3.7	D	337	3.0
Coke	5,478	D	67	1.2	D	221	3.9
Metals and products	9,878	D	351	3.4	D	57	0.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,220	I	2,367	11.4	D	942	3.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,908	D	473	4.6	I	243	2.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,305	D	96	4.0	I	14	0.6
All other carloads	90,188	I	5,209	6.1	I	1,954	2.2
Total Cars Loaded	451,818	I	8,306	1.9	I	6,465	1.5
Corresponding week of 1987	443,512						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	19,700,006	18,870,422	I 4.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 weeks ended November 12	867.5	817.1	I 6.2
Week ended November 19	20.0	19.6	I 1.8
46 Weeks cumulative	887.4	836.7	I 6.1

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WASHINGTON, December 1, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 26 totaled an estimated 16.0 billion ton-miles, up 2.6 percent from the 15.6 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 903.4 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended November 26 totaled 356,976, up 2.8 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 21.0 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 4.2 percent in the West and 1.3 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Coal loadings increased by 5,529 cars (5.3 percent) and metallic ores were up 3,000 cars (18.4 percent). Grain decreased by 4,198 cars (17.5 percent). Nineteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended November 19 totaled 119,010 trailers and/or containers, down 2.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 5,075,740 trailers and/or containers, up 4.2 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/26/88:

	Loadings in Week ended November 26, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	19,729	D	4,198	17.5	D	9,009	31.3
Other farm products	3,637	I	548	17.7	D	695	16.0
Metallic ores	19,290	I	3,000	18.4	D	1,607	7.7
Coal	110,302	I	5,529	5.3	D	22,775	17.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,199	I	678	6.4	D	6,301	36.0
Nonmetallic minerals	7,517	I	1,135	17.8	D	2,482	24.8
Grain mill products	9,396	D	220	2.3	D	1,433	13.2
Food and kindred products	9,102	D	43	0.5	D	2,231	19.7
Primary forest products	6,872	D	408	5.6	D	3,453	33.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,533	D	493	8.2	D	1,714	23.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,151	D	328	2.9	D	307	2.7
Chemicals and allied products	22,833	I	1,081	5.0	D	6,177	21.3
Petroleum products	4,205	I	275	7.0	D	1,045	19.9
Stone, clay and glass products	8,290	D	46	0.6	D	2,556	23.6
Coke	5,484	I	231	4.4	I	6	0.1
Metals and products	9,165	I	1	0.0	D	713	7.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,023	I	1,851	13.1	D	7,197	31.0
Waste and scrap materials	6,780	D	706	9.4	D	3,128	31.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,686	D	499	22.8	D	619	26.9
All other carloads	68,782	I	2,195	3.3	D	21,406	23.7
Total Cars Loaded	356,976	I	9,583	2.8	D	94,842	21.0
Corresponding week of 1987	347,393						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	20,056,982	19,217,815	I 4.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
46 weeks ended November 19	887.4	836.7	I 6.1
Week ended November 26	16.0	15.6	I 2.6
47 Weeks cumulative	903.4	852.3	I 6.0

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WASHINGTON, December 8, 1988 -- The number of trailers and/or containers carried in piggyback service on major U.S. railroads through the first 47 weeks of this year has topped the record set through all of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Through 47 weeks of 1988, a total of 5,167,370 trailers and/or containers were carried, topping the 52-week total of 5,155,737 carried last year and making 1988 the seventh straight record year.

The 47-week total was 4.0 percent above the comparable period of 1987. Piggyback traffic for the week ended November 26 totaled 91,630 trailers and/or containers, down 5.3 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

Meanwhile, overall freight traffic carried during the week ended December 3 totaled an estimated 19.9 billion ton-miles, up 0.9 percent from the 19.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 923.3 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 3 totaled 447,620, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and 25.4 percent higher than the preceding holiday week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 1.6 percent in the West and 0.6 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,285 cars (24.9 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings increased by 2,159 cars (10.0 percent). Grain loadings were down by 4,397 cars (13.2 percent). All 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/3/88:

	Loadings in Week ended December 3, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,878	D	4,397	13.2	I	9,149	46.4
Other farm products	3,929	D	162	4.0	I	292	8.0
Metallic ores	21,516	I	4,285	24.9	I	2,226	11.5
Coal	128,763	I	814	0.6	I	18,461	16.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,541	I	467	3.1	I	4,342	38.8
Nonmetallic minerals	10,483	D	1,058	9.2	I	2,966	39.5
Grain mill products	11,430	D	274	2.3	I	2,036	21.7
Food and kindred products	11,676	I	29	0.2	I	2,574	28.3
Primary forest products	10,146	D	1,043	9.3	I	3,274	47.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,358	D	511	6.5	I	1,825	33.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	12,704	D	438	3.3	I	1,553	13.9
Chemicals and allied products	30,808	I	1,386	4.7	I	7,975	34.9
Petroleum products	5,549	I	697	14.4	I	1,344	32.0
Stone, clay and glass products	11,250	I	828	7.9	I	2,956	35.6
Coke	5,866	D	215	3.5	I	382	7.0
Metals and products	10,089	D	629	5.9	I	924	10.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	23,730	I	2,159	10.0	I	7,707	48.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,512	D	467	4.7	I	2,732	40.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,007	D	560	21.8	I	321	19.0
All other carloads	86,385	I	3,816	4.6	I	17,603	25.6
Total Cars Loaded	447,620	I	4,727	1.1	I	90,642	25.4
Corresponding week of 1987	442,893						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	20,504,604	19,660,708	I 4.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
47 weeks ended November 26	903.4	852.3	I 6.0
Week ended December 3	19.9	19.7	I 0.9
48 Weeks cumulative	923.3	872.0	I 5.9

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WASHINGTON, December 15, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 10 totaled an estimated 20.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.7 percent from the 19.7 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 944.2 billion ton-miles carried, up 5.9 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 10 totaled 453,137, up 2.0 percent from the corresponding week of last year, and up 1.2 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 7.5 percent in the West but down 2.7 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 11 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Loadings of metallic ores increased by 7,057 cars (42.2 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 2,628 cars (12.2 percent). Grain decreased by 2,070 cars (6.5 percent). Eleven of the 20 commodity groups increased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended December 3 totaled 111,991 trailers and/or containers, down 5.0 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 5,279,361 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/10/88:

	Loadings in Week ended December 10, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,654	D	2,070	6.5	I	776	2.7
Other farm products	4,471	D	689	13.4	I	542	13.8
Metallic ores	23,780	I	7,057	42.2	I	2,264	10.5
Coal	132,530	D	1,919	1.4	I	3,767	2.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,728	I	865	5.8	I	187	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	9,524	I	180	1.9	D	959	9.1
Grain mill products	11,333	D	154	1.3	D	97	0.8
Food and kindred products	11,372	D	128	1.1	D	304	2.6
Primary forest products	10,559	D	1,160	9.9	I	413	4.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,048	D	864	10.9	D	310	4.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,314	D	641	5.4	D	1,390	10.9
Chemicals and allied products	28,750	I	900	3.2	D	2,058	6.7
Petroleum products	5,618	I	443	8.6	I	69	1.2
Stone, clay and glass products	11,112	I	587	5.6	D	138	1.2
Coke	5,687	I	63	1.1	D	179	3.1
Metals and products	9,255	D	899	8.9	D	834	8.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	24,248	I	2,628	12.2	I	518	2.2
Waste and scrap materials	9,784	D	340	3.4	I	272	2.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,130	D	454	17.6	I	123	6.1
All other carloads	89,240	I	5,604	6.7	I	2,855	3.3
Total Cars Loaded	453,137	I	9,009	2.0	I	5,517	1.2
Corresponding week of 1987	444,128						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	20,957,741	20,104,836	I 4.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
48 weeks ended December 3	924.2 r	872.0	I 6.0
Week ended December 10	20.0	19.7	I 1.7
49 Weeks cumulative	944.2	891.7	I 5.9

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WASHINGTON, December 22, 1988 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads has topped the record set in 1987 with two weeks left in this year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The 50-week 1988 total of an estimated 963.8 billion ton-miles was 5.8 percent above the comparable period of last year, which finished up at a then-record 943.7 billion ton-miles.

Freight traffic during the week ended December 17 totaled an estimated 19.6 billion ton-miles, up 1.7 percent from the 19.2 billion carried in the comparable week of 1987.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 17 totaled 436,511, up 2.2 percent from the corresponding week of last year, but down 3.7 percent from the preceding week. Compared with last year, carloadings originated were up 9.2 percent in the West, but down 3.7 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 12 of the 20 major commodity groups decreased. Motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 4,783 cars (24.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores increased by 3,198 cars (19.8 percent). Grain loadings were down by 2,291 cars (7.3 percent). Sixteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended December 10 totaled 119,683 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 5,399,044 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/17/88:

	Loadings in Week ended December 17, 1988	Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,234	D	2,291	7.3	D	307	1.0
Other farm products	4,289	D	1,014	19.1	D	193	4.3
Metallic ores	19,372	I	3,198	19.8	D	4,408	18.5
Coal	127,399	D	118	0.1	D	5,373	4.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,203	I	394	3.1	D	2,530	16.1
Nonmetallic minerals	9,257	D	49	0.5	D	307	3.2
Grain mill products	10,848	D	128	1.2	D	488	4.3
Food and kindred products	10,927	D	56	0.5	D	445	3.9
Primary forest products	9,941	D	1,429	12.6	D	630	6.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,972	D	779	10.1	D	42	0.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,201	D	811	6.8	D	177	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,007	I	1,000	3.7	D	679	2.4
Petroleum products	5,402	I	824	18.0	D	165	3.0
Stone, clay and glass products	9,589	I	508	5.6	D	1,525	13.7
Coke	5,998	I	281	4.9	I	351	6.2
Metals and products	9,483	D	628	6.2	I	240	2.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	24,581	I	4,783	24.2	I	334	1.4
Waste and scrap materials	9,216	D	175	1.9	D	560	5.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,042	D	430	17.4	D	88	4.1
All other carloads	89,550	I	6,226	7.5	I	326	0.4
Total Cars Loaded	436,511	I	9,306	2.2	D	16,666	3.7
Corresponding week of 1987	427,205						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	21,394,292	20,532,041	I 4.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
49 weeks ended December 10	944.2	891.7	I 5.9
Week ended December 17	19.6	19.2	I 1.7
50 Weeks cumulative	963.8	911.0	I 5.8

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WASHINGTON, December 30, 1988 -- Freight traffic on U.S. railroads during the week ended December 24 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, up 37.7 percent from the 13.6 billion carried in the comparable period of 1987, which included the Christmas holiday, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1988 was an estimated 982.5 billion ton-miles carried, up 6.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 24 totaled 419,655, up 40.0 percent from the holiday week last year, but down 3.9 percent from the preceding week of this year. Compared with a year ago, carloadings originated were up 35.9 percent in the West and 44.2 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 19 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of coal were up by 41,803 cars (49.1 percent), motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 9,093 cars (84.1 percent), and chemicals and allied products increased by 7,040 cars (32.8 percent). Fifteen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended December 17 totaled 117,991 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from the comparable week of 1987.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of 1988 was 5,519,884 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/24/88:

	Loadings in Week ended December 24, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	28,460	I	3,847	15.6	D	774	2.6
Other farm products	3,898	D	99	2.5	D	391	14.7
Metallic ores	20,349	I	6,060	42.4	I	977	5.0
Coal	126,865	I	41,803	49.1	D	534	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,827	I	4,115	61.3	D	2,376	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	8,411	I	2,314	38.0	D	846	9.1
Grain mill products	10,619	I	1,839	20.9	D	229	2.1
Food and kindred products	10,465	I	2,681	34.4	D	462	4.2
Primary forest products	9,897	I	3,195	47.7	D	44	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,304	I	1,813	33.0	I	332	4.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	11,998	I	727	6.5	I	797	7.1
Chemicals and allied products	28,482	I	7,040	32.8	I	475	1.7
Petroleum products	5,108	I	1,451	39.7	D	294	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	9,110	I	2,574	39.4	D	479	5.0
Coke	5,423	I	485	9.8	D	575	9.6
Metals and products	9,478	I	2,006	26.8	D	5	0.05
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,905	I	9,093	84.1	D	4,676	19.0
Waste and scrap materials	8,291	I	2,162	35.3	D	925	10.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	2,043	I	241	13.4	I	1	0.05
All other carloads	82,722	I	26,655	47.5	D	6,828	7.6
Total Cars Loaded	419,655	I	120,002	40.0	D	16,856	3.9
Corresponding week of 1987	299,653						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	21,813,947	20,831,694	I 4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
50 weeks ended December 17	963.8	911.0	I 5.8
Week ended December 24	18.7	13.6	I 37.7
51 Weeks cumulative	982.5	924.6	I 6.3

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WASHINGTON, January 6, 1989 -- Freight traffic carried on U.S. railroads in 1988 totaled an estimated 997.0 billion ton-miles, up 5.2 percent over the previous record set in 1987, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Freight traffic during the week ended December 31 totaled an estimated 14.6 billion ton-miles, up 7.7 percent from the 13.5 billion carried in the comparable period of 1987. Both years reflected holiday traffic.

Carloadings originated in the week ended December 31 totaled 325,438, up 7.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987. Both weeks included holiday traffic. The carloadings in the December 31 week were down 22.3 percent from the preceding non-holiday week. Compared with a year ago, carloadings originated were up 12.1 percent in the West and 3.7 percent in the East.

Cumulative carloadings for 1988 totaled 22,138,557, up 4.8 percent from 1987.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 13 of the 20 major commodity groups increased. Loadings of metallic ores were up by 10,065 cars (84.0 percent), chemicals and allied products loadings were up 3,129 cars (13.0 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment increased by 1,779 cars (26.3 percent). Seventeen of the 20 commodity groups decreased from the preceding non-holiday week.

Piggyback

Piggyback traffic for the week ended December 24 totaled 109,859 trailers and/or containers, up 18.9 percent from the comparable week of 1987, which included the Christmas holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 51 weeks of 1988 was 5,629,523 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent from 1987.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/31/88:

	Loadings in Week ended December 31, 1988		Change from Corresponding Week 1987			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	20,694	D	4,296	17.2	D	8,397	28.9
Other farm products	3,000	D	1,248	29.4	D	1,004	25.1
Metallic ores	22,041	I	10,065	84.0	I	1,826	9.0
Coal	87,734	I	4,222	5.1	D	39,057	30.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,844	I	85	1.1	D	2,966	27.4
Nonmetallic minerals	7,736	I	388	5.3	D	548	6.6
Grain mill products	9,006	D	479	5.1	D	1,487	14.2
Food and kindred products	7,548	D	453	5.7	D	2,863	27.5
Primary forest products	7,184	D	293	3.9	D	2,701	27.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,544	D	174	3.0	D	1,761	24.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,218	I	573	4.5	I	1,214	10.1
Chemicals and allied products	27,135	I	3,129	13.0	D	1,327	4.7
Petroleum products	4,380	I	328	8.1	D	652	13.0
Stone, clay and glass products	7,864	I	657	9.1	D	1,218	13.4
Coke	5,939	I	453	8.3	I	511	9.4
Metals and products	8,840	D	585	6.2	D	611	6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	8,553	I	1,779	26.3	D	11,309	56.9
Waste and scrap materials	5,595	I	495	9.7	D	2,726	32.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	1,613	I	73	4.7	D	245	13.2
All other carloads	63,970	I	9,129	16.6	D	18,068	22.0
Total Cars Loaded	325,438	I	23,848	7.9	D	93,389	22.3
Corresponding week of 1987	301,590						

	1988	1987	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (52 weeks)	22,138,557	21,133,284	I 4.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
51 weeks ended December 24	982.5	934.5r	I 5.1
Week ended December 31	14.6	13.5	I 7.7
52 Weeks cumulative	997.0	948.0	I 5.2

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WASHINGTON, January 18, 1989 -- Intermodal traffic on major U.S. railroads set a record for the seventh consecutive year in 1988, with a 52-week total of 5,716,293 trailers and/or containers carried, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

The 1988 total was 3.9 percent above the previous record of 5,503,819, set in 1987. Since being totally deregulated in 1981, railroad intermodal traffic has increased by 81 percent.

Loadings of trailers and/or containers in the week ended December 31, 1988, totaled 86,925, up 5.8 percent from the comparable week of 1987, but down 20.9 percent from the preceding week.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1988 and 1987:

	1988	1987		Incr./Decr. vs. 1988 vs. 1987	
	Cars	Cars		Cars	Percent
Grain	1,589,871	1,515,361	I	74,510	4.9
Other farm products	185,782	204,020	D	18,238	8.9
Metallic ores	983,417	856,396	I	127,021	14.8
Coal	6,254,106	6,006,687	I	247,419	4.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	844,968	777,220	I	67,748	8.7
Nonmetallic minerals	534,532	489,377	I	45,155	9.2
Grain mill products	555,575	565,618	D	10,043	1.8
Food and kindred products	573,046	568,082	I	4,964	0.9
Primary forest products	512,268	544,427	D	32,159	5.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	390,967	419,681	D	28,714	6.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	637,774	648,731	D	10,957	1.7
Chemicals and allied products	1,442,769	1,371,939	I	70,830	5.2
Petroleum products	265,908	249,657	I	16,251	6.5
Stone, clay and glass products	563,135	544,713	I	18,422	3.4
Coke	297,443	262,059	I	35,384	13.5
Metals and products	542,987	482,292	I	60,695	12.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	1,042,205	982,500	I	59,705	6.1
Waste and scrap materials	490,790	455,949	I	34,841	7.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	125,083	142,845	D	17,762	12.4
All other carloads	4,306,916	4,045,730	I	261,186	6.5
Total Cars Loaded	22,139,542	21,133,284	I	1,006,258	4.8

Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):

	1988	1987	% Change
First quarter	247.4	226.4	I 9.3
Second quarter	251.3	230.6	I 9.0
Third quarter	250.0	242.3	I 3.2
Fourth quarter	248.4	248.8	D 0.2
Year	997.0	948.0	I 5.2

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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1989 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 7 totaled 290,415, down 4.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today.

Carloadings originated were down 9.7 percent in the East but up 2.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

Loadings of metallic ores were up 7,182 cars (55.7 percent), while grain loadings fell 3,360 cars (11.8 percent) and coal loadings were down 3,608 cars (3.4 percent).

Intermodal traffic -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 87,002 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 7, down 7.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 7 totaled 16.6 billion, down 5.1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,032	28,392	-11.8 %	Figures will be available beginning with the second week of 1989.	
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,202	3,818	-42.3		
Metallic Ores	20,087	12,905	55.7		
Coal	104,028	107,636	-3.4		
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	9,749	8,412	15.9		
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,750	11,585	-24.5		
Grain Mill Products	9,360	10,979	-14.7		
Food & Kindred Products	7,818	9,258	-15.6		
Primary Forest Products	8,669	9,667	-10.3		
Lumber & Wood Products	5,294	6,647	-20.4		
Pulp, Paper, & Allied Products	11,261	11,868	-5.1		
Chemicals	25,144	26,465	-5.0		
Petroleum Products	4,375	4,864	-10.1		
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	8,081	7,725	4.6		
Coke	5,693	5,951	-4.3		
Metals & Products	8,411	9,994	-15.8		
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,208	14,601	-2.7		
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,757	7,256	-6.9		
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	6	10	-40.0		
All Other Carloads	5,490	5,616	-2.2		
Total	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %		

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC, AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 1 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 7, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %	290,415	303,649	-4.4 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	52,454	58,388	-10.2	52,454	58,388	-10.2
Containers	34,548	35,213	-1.9	34,548	35,213	-1.9
Total	87,002	93,601	-7.1	87,002	93,601	-7.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	16.6	17.5	-5.1 %	16.6	17.5	-5.1 %

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WASHINGTON, January 26, 1989 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 14 totaled 343,799, up 6.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 18.4 percent above the preceding holiday week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 7.9 percent in the East and 3.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were up 3,297 cars (25.3 percent), while loadings of coal increased by 10,090 cars (8.7 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,787 cars, (5.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 2 weeks of 1989 totaled 634,214, up 1.0 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 109,156 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 14, up 3.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 2 weeks of 1989 was 196,158 trailers and/or containers, down 1.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 14 totaled 19.9 billion, 6.4 percent higher than the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 2 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 36.5 billion ton-miles, up 0.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,646	33,433	-5.3 %	25,032	26.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,404	3,881	-38.1	2,202	9.2
Metallic Ores	16,337	13,040	25.3	20,087	-18.7
Coal	126,530	116,440	8.7	104,028	21.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,863	9,514	24.7	9,749	21.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,167	10,226	-.6	8,750	16.2
Grain Mill Products	10,546	10,931	-3.5	9,360	12.7
Food & Kindred Products	9,346	9,803	-4.7	7,818	19.5
Primary Forest Products	9,625	10,419	-7.6	8,669	11.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,626	6,837	-3.1	5,294	25.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,755	10,855	-.9	11,261	-4.5
Chemicals	29,635	26,360	12.4	25,144	17.9
Petroleum Products	5,471	5,003	9.4	4,375	25.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,977	8,113	10.6	8,081	11.1
Coke	6,026	5,764	4.5	5,693	5.8
Metals & Products	9,937	10,319	-3.7	8,411	18.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,368	18,286	16.9	14,208	50.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,405	8,824	6.6	6,757	39.2
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	10	16	-37.5	6	66.7
All Other Carloads	7,125	6,185	15.2	5,490	29.8
Total	**343,799**	**324,249**	**6.0 %**	**290,415**	**18.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 14, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 2 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 14, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**343,799**	**324,249**	**6.0 %**	**634,214**	**627,898**	**1.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	63,997	65,412	-2.2	116,451	123,800	-5.9
Containers	45,159	40,505	11.5	79,707	75,718	5.3
Total	**109,156**	**105,917**	**3.1**	**196,158**	**199,518**	**-1.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.9**	**18.7**	**6.4 %**	**36.5**	**36.2**	**.8 %**

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WASHINGTON, January 31, 1989 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 21 totaled 341,880, up 2.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 0.6 percent below the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.5 percent in the West and 1.3 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were up 3,606 cars (34.1 percent), loadings of coal increased by 4,234 cars (3.4 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 2,580 cars (13.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,170 cars, (3.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 3 weeks of 1989 totaled 976,094, up 1.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,179 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 21, up 2.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 3 weeks of 1989 was 308,337 trailers and/or containers, down 0.2 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 21 totaled 20.0 billion, 3.6 percent higher than the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 3 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 56.4 billion ton-miles, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,760	32,930	-3.6 %	31,646	.4 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,454	3,758	-34.7	2,404	2.1
Metallic Ores	14,180	10,574	34.1	16,337	-13.2
Coal	127,968	123,734	3.4	126,530	1.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,172	11,166	9.0	11,863	2.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,224	9,761	-5.5	10,167	-9.3
Grain Mill Products	10,607	10,322	2.8	10,546	.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,077	9,905	-8.4	9,346	-2.9
Primary Forest Products	9,871	10,575	-6.7	9,625	2.6
Lumber & Wood Products	6,948	7,615	-8.8	6,626	4.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,698	11,494	-6.9	10,755	-.5
Chemicals	28,612	26,805	6.7	29,635	-3.5
Petroleum Products	5,099	4,666	9.3	5,471	-6.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,378	8,734	7.4	8,977	4.5
Coke	5,798	5,538	4.7	6,026	-3.8
Metals & Products	10,064	10,658	-5.6	9,937	1.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,693	19,113	13.5	21,368	1.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,383	9,246	1.5	9,405	-.2
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	11	17	-35.3	10	10.0
All Other Carloads	6,883	6,370	8.1	7,125	-3.4
Total	**341,880**	**332,981**	**2.7 %**	**343,799**	**-.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 21, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 3 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 21, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**341,880**	**332,961**	**2.7 %**	**976,094**	**960,879**	**1.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	65,791	67,634	-2.7	182,242	191,434	-4.8
Containers	46,388	41,942	10.6	126,095	117,660	7.2
Total	**112,179**	**109,576**	**2.4**	**308,337**	**309,094**	**-.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.0**	**19.3**	**3.6 %**	**56.4**	**55.6**	**1.4 %**

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WASHINGTON, February 3, 1989 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 28 totaled 341,202, up 2.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 0.2 percent below the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 5.4 percent in the West but down 0.1 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were up 3,079 cars (27.6 percent), loadings of coal increased by 5,800 cars (4.9 percent) and motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 2,330 cars (12.1 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,864 cars, (5.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 4 weeks of 1989 totaled 1,317,296, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,364 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 28, up 1.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 4 weeks of 1989 was 422,701 trailers and/or containers, up 0.3 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 28 totaled 20.0 billion, 4.2 percent higher than the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 4 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 76.4 billion ton-miles, up 2.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,273	34,137	-5.5 %	31,760	1.6 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,608	3,813	-31.6	2,454	6.3
Metallic Ores	14,242	11,163	27.6	14,180	.4
Coal	125,338	119,538	4.9	127,968	-2.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,016	10,559	13.8	12,172	-1.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,340	9,943	-16.1	9,224	-9.6
Grain Mill Products	10,546	10,569	-.2	10,607	-.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,333	9,617	-3.0	9,077	2.8
Primary Forest Products	10,100	10,996	-8.1	9,871	2.3
Lumber & Wood Products	7,401	8,501	-12.9	6,948	6.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,809	11,218	-3.6	10,698	1.0
Chemicals	28,554	27,337	4.5	28,612	-.2
Petroleum Products	5,121	4,966	3.1	5,099	.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,887	8,979	10.1	9,378	5.4
Coke	5,612	5,347	5.0	5,798	-3.2
Metals & Products	10,595	11,345	-6.6	10,064	5.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,512	19,182	12.1	21,693	-.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,289	8,750	6.2	9,383	-1.0
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	13	36	-63.9	11	18.2
All Other Carloads	7,613	7,422	2.6	6,883	10.6
Total	**341,202**	**333,418**	**2.3 %**	**341,880**	**-.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 28, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 4 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 28, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**341,202**	**333,418**	**2.3 %**	**1,317,296**	**1,294,297**	**1.8 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,805	69,575	-1.1	251,047	261,009	-3.8
Containers	45,559	42,841	6.3	171,654	160,501	6.9
Total	**114,364**	**112,416**	**1.7**	**422,701**	**421,510**	**.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.0**	**19.2**	**4.2 %**	**76.4**	**74.8**	**2.1 %**

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WASHINGTON, February 9, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 4 totaled 320,158, down 0.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 6.2 percent below the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 5.5 percent in the East but down 7.9 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of chemicals were up 2,979 cars (11.4 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,860 cars (15.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 2,689 cars (8.0 percent), while coal was down 2,569 cars, (2.3 percent)..

Cumulative carloadings for the first 5 weeks of 1989 totaled 1,637,454, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,587 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 4, up 1.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 5 weeks of 1989 was 536,288 trailers and/or containers, up 0.4 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 4 totaled 18.5 billion, 0.5 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 5 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 95.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,746	33,435	-8.0 %	32,273	-4.7 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,380	2,925	-18.6	2,608	-8.7
Metallic Ores	12,511	12,254	2.1	14,242	-12.2
Coal	111,416	113,985	-2.3	125,338	-11.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,255	10,936	2.9	12,016	-6.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,558	9,797	-12.6	8,340	2.6
Grain Mill Products	10,243	10,153	.9	10,546	-2.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,741	9,479	-7.8	9,333	-6.3
Primary Forest Products	9,487	10,536	-10.0	10,100	-6.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,978	7,378	-5.4	7,401	-5.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,045	11,408	-3.2	10,809	2.2
Chemicals	29,220	26,241	11.4	28,554	2.3
Petroleum Products	4,891	4,596	6.4	5,121	-4.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,306	8,918	4.4	9,887	-5.9
Coke	5,770	5,738	.6	5,612	2.8
Metals & Products	10,426	10,353	.7	10,595	-1.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,367	18,507	15.5	21,512	-.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,973	9,014	-.5	9,289	-3.4
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	9	22	-59.1	13	-30.8
All Other Carloads	6,836	6,323	8.1	7,613	-10.2
Total	320,158	321,998	-.6 %	341,202	-6.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 5 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 4, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	320,158	321,998	-.6 %	1,637,454	1,618,076	1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,308	69,858	-2.2	319,355	330,867	-3.5
Containers	45,279	42,586	6.3	216,933	203,087	6.8
Total	113,587	112,444	1.0	536,288	533,954	.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.5	18.6	-.5 %	95.0	93.4	1.7 %

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WASHINGTON, February 17, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 11 totaled 327,281, up 2.2 percent from both the comparable week of 1988 and the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.8 percent in the East but down 0.9 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,249 cars (12.0 percent), and loadings of metalic ores were up 1,711 cars (15.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,531 cars (17.1 percent), at least partly because of poor weather conditions in the West.

Cumulative carloadings for the first 6 weeks of 1989 totaled 1,964,735, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,343 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 11, down 0.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 6 weeks of 1989 was 647,631 trailers and/or containers, up 0.3 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 11 totaled 19.1 billion, 2.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 6 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 114.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,827	32,358	-17.1 %	30,746	-12.7 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	1,657	2,681	-38.2	2,380	-30.4
Metallic Ores	12,718	11,007	15.5	12,511	1.7
Coal	115,524	113,468	1.9	111,416	3.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	9,643	10,389	-7.2	11,255	-14.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,932	10,007	-10.7	8,558	4.4
Grain Mill Products	10,124	10,325	-1.9	10,243	-1.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,485	9,360	-9.3	8,741	-2.9
Primary Forest Products	8,446	10,789	-21.7	9,487	-11.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,004	7,718	-22.2	6,978	-14.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,448	11,314	-7.7	11,045	-5.4
Chemicals	26,076	27,361	-4.7	29,220	-10.8
Petroleum Products	4,438	4,821	-7.9	4,891	-9.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,632	8,804	-2.0	9,306	-7.2
Coke	5,553	5,586	-.6	5,770	-3.8
Metals & Products	9,129	10,205	-10.5	10,426	-12.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,970	18,721	12.0	21,367	-1.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,912	9,195	-3.1	8,973	-.7
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	5	22	-77.3	9	-44.4
All Other Carloads	24,658	6,169	299.7	6,836	260.7
Total	**327,281**	**320,300**	**2.2 %**	**320,158**	**2.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 6 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 11, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	327,281	320,300	2.2 %	1,964,735	1,938,376	1.4 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	65,823	70,980	-7.3	385,178	401,847	-4.1
Containers	45,520	40,546	12.3	262,453	243,633	7.7
Total	**111,343**	**111,526**	**-.2**	**647,631**	**645,480**	**.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.1**	**18.7**	**2.1 %**	**114.0**	**112.0**	**1.8 %**

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WASHINGTON, February 24, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 18 totaled 336,454, up 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 2.8 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 7.0 percent in the East but down 1.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 6,531 cars (5.5 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,836 cars (14.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 7 weeks of 1989 totaled 2,301,189, up 1.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 118,281 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 18, up 8.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 7 weeks of 1989 was 765,912 trailers and/or containers, up 1.5 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 18 totaled 19.6 billion, 3.7 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 7 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 133.7 billion ton-miles, up 2.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,691	32,695	.0 %	26,827	21.9 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	1,631	2,568	-36.5	1,657	-1.6
Metallic Ores	12,499	11,911	4.9	12,718	-1.7
Coal	124,362	117,831	5.5	115,624	7.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,000	12,338	-2.7	9,643	24.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,554	9,959	-4.1	8,932	7.0
Grain Mill Products	10,287	10,025	2.6	10,124	1.6
Food & Kindred Products	9,312	9,281	.3	8,485	9.7
Primary Forest Products	9,720	10,500	-7.4	8,446	15.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,782	7,639	-11.2	6,004	13.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,811	11,313	-4.4	10,448	3.5
Chemicals	28,293	25,658	10.3	26,076	8.5
Petroleum Products	5,007	4,588	9.1	4,438	12.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,490	9,051	4.9	8,632	9.9
Coke	5,352	5,827	-8.2	5,553	-3.6
Metals & Products	9,551	10,279	-7.1	9,129	4.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	22,113	19,277	14.7	20,970	5.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,621	9,404	2.3	8,912	8.0
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	8	29	-72.4	5	60.0
All Other Carloads	7,370	6,460	14.1	24,658	-70.1
Total	**336,454**	**326,633**	**3.0 %**	**327,281**	**2.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 7 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 18, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**336,454**	**326,633**	**3.0 %**	**2,301,189**	**2,265,009**	**1.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,748	67,621	1.7	453,926	469,468	-3.3
Containers	49,533	41,634	19.0	311,986	285,267	9.4
Total	**118,281**	**109,255**	**8.3**	**765,912**	**754,735**	**1.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.6**	**18.9**	**3.7 %**	**133.7**	**130.9**	**2.1 %**

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WASHINGTON, March 2, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 25 totaled 324,697, down 4.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 3.5 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

The President's Day holiday was included in the February 25 week, but not in the comparable 1988 week.

Carloadings originated were down 2.0 percent in the East and 7.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 3,048 cars (2.5 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,578 cars (13.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 8 weeks of 1989 totaled 2,607,970, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,189 trailers and/or containers for the week ended February 25, down 1.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 8 weeks of 1989 was 878,101 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended February 25 totaled 18.9 billion, 4.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 8 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 152.5 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,296	34,409	-14.9 %	32,691	-10.4 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	1,465	2,082	-29.6	1,631	-10.2
Metallic Ores	12,046	14,366	-16.1	12,499	-3.6
Coal	124,466	121,418	2.5	124,362	.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,955	12,269	-10.7	12,000	-8.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,226	10,285	-10.3	9,554	-3.4
Grain Mill Products	9,707	10,462	-7.2	10,287	-5.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,806	9,890	-11.0	9,312	-5.4
Primary Forest Products	8,734	10,928	-20.1	9,720	-10.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,913	8,482	-18.5	6,782	1.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,697	10,972	-2.5	10,811	-1.1
Chemicals	26,754	27,138	-1.4	28,293	-5.4
Petroleum Products	4,508	4,810	-6.3	5,007	-10.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,632	10,094	-14.5	9,490	-9.0
Coke	5,428	5,728	-5.2	5,352	1.4
Metals & Products	9,799	11,801	-17.0	9,551	2.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,514	18,936	13.6	22,113	-2.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,899	9,784	-9.0	9,621	-7.5
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	5	35	-85.7	8	-37.5
All Other Carloads	6,847	6,687	2.4	7,370	-7.1
Total	324,697	340,576	-4.7 %	336,454	-3.5 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 8 WEEKS ENDING FEBRUARY 25, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	324,697	340,576	-4.7 %	2,607,970	2,605,585	.1 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	65,539	70,833	-7.5	519,465	540,301	-3.9
Containers	46,650	43,543	7.1	358,636	328,810	9.1
Total	112,189	114,376	-1.9	878,101	869,111	1.0
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.9	19.7	-4.1 %	152.5	150.6	1.3 %

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Carloadings originated were up 4.2 percent in the East but down 2.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 8,887 cars (7.5 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were up 2,711 cars (14.4 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 9 weeks of 1989 totaled 2,947,862, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 116,780 trailers and/or containers for the week ended March 4, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 9 weeks of 1989 was 994,881 trailers and/or containers, up 0.9 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended March 4 totaled 19.8 billion, 2.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 9 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 172.3 billion ton-miles, up 1.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	33,284	34,103	-2.4 %	29,296	13.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,526	2,292	-33.4	1,465	4.2
Metallic Ores	13,263	12,916	2.7	12,046	10.1
Coal	127,192	118,305	7.5	124,466	2.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	11,869	13,166	-9.9	10,955	8.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,316	9,789	-4.8	9,226	1.0
Grain Mill Products	9,657	10,088	-4.3	9,707	-.5
Food & Kindred Products	9,035	9,682	-6.7	8,806	2.6
Primary Forest Products	9,293	11,085	-16.2	8,734	6.4
Lumber & Wood Products	7,234	7,911	-8.6	6,913	4.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,134	11,566	-3.7	10,697	4.1
Chemicals	28,359	27,830	1.9	26,754	6.0
Petroleum Products	5,211	4,585	13.7	4,508	15.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,196	10,361	-11.2	8,632	6.5
Coke	5,817	5,696	2.1	5,428	7.2
Metals & Products	10,764	11,176	-3.7	9,799	9.8
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,494	18,783	14.4	21,514	-.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,264	9,988	-7.2	8,899	4.1
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	7	36	-80.6	5	40.0
All Other Carloads	6,977	6,292	10.9	6,847	1.9
Total	339,892	335,650	1.3 %	324,697	4.7 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 4, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 9 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 4, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	339,892	335,650	1.3 %	2,947,862	2,941,235	.2 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	71,063	71,419	-.5	590,528	611,720	-3.5
Containers	45,717	45,343	.8	404,353	374,153	8.1
Total	116,780	116,762	.0	994,881	985,873	.9
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.8	19.4	2.1 %	172.3	170.0	1.4 %

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 9, 1989 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, March 16, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 11 totaled 325,248, down 1.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 4.3 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.9 percent in the West but down 3.7 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 6,162 cars (5.4 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,909 cars (5.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 10 weeks of 1989 totaled 3,273,110, virtually the same as the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,718 trailers and/or containers for the week ended March 11, 0.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 10 weeks of 1989 was 1,106,599 trailers and/or containers, up 0.8 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended March 11 totaled 18.9 billion, 0.5 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 191.2 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,045	32,954	-5.8 %	33,284	-6.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,773	2,235	-20.7	1,526	16.2
Metallic Ores	15,078	14,832	1.7	13,263	13.7
Coal	119,525	113,363	5.4	127,192	-6.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	10,139	13,848	-26.8	11,869	-14.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,695	9,534	-8.8	9,316	-6.7
Grain Mill Products	10,240	9,835	4.1	9,657	6.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,574	9,064	-5.4	9,035	-5.1
Primary Forest Products	8,877	10,312	-13.9	9,293	-4.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,687	7,976	-16.2	7,234	-7.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,944	11,258	-11.7	11,134	-10.7
Chemicals	27,763	27,531	.8	28,359	-2.1
Petroleum Products	5,157	4,830	6.8	5,211	-1.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,286	10,240	-9.3	9,196	1.0
Coke	5,684	5,113	11.2	5,817	-2.3
Metals & Products	9,731	10,454	-6.9	10,764	-9.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,026	20,517	2.5	21,494	-2.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,950	10,068	-11.1	9,264	-3.4
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	3	48	-93.8	7	-57.1
All Other Carloads	7,071	6,697	5.6	6,977	1.3
Total	**325,248**	**330,709**	**-1.7 %**	**339,892**	**-4.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 11, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 10 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 11, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**325,248**	**330,709**	**-1.7 %**	**3,273,110**	**3,271,944**	**.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,505	70,853	-3.3	659,033	682,573	-3.4
Containers	43,213	40,743	6.1	447,566	414,896	7.9
Total	**111,718**	**111,596**	**.1**	**1,106,599**	**1,097,469**	**.8**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.9**	**19.0**	**-.5 %**	**191.2**	**189.0**	**1.2 %**

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 9, 1989 - PLE.

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WASHINGTON, March 23, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 18 totaled 344,005, up 2.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 5.8 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.9 percent in the East but down 0.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 9,784 cars (8.3 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings rose 1,545 cars (7.7 percent). Grain loadings were down 2,423 cars (7.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 11 weeks of 1989 totaled 3,616,918, 0.2 percent above the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 115,584 trailers and/or containers for the week ended March 18, 2.4 percent above the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of 1989 was 1,222,183 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended March 18 totaled 20.0 billion, 3.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 209.9 billion ton-miles, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,344	34,767	-7.0 %	31,045	4.2 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,110	2,086	1.2	1,773	19.0
Metallic Ores	14,489	14,339	1.0	15,078	-3.9
Coal	128,148	118,364	8.3	119,525	7.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,357	13,469	-.8	10,139	31.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,350	9,356	-.1	8,695	7.5
Grain Mill Products	9,730	9,717	.1	10,240	-5.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,813	9,042	-2.5	8,574	2.8
Primary Forest Products	10,248	10,271	-.2	8,877	15.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,808	8,011	-15.0	6,687	1.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,594	11,107	-4.6	9,944	6.5
Chemicals	28,413	27,425	3.6	27,763	2.3
Petroleum Products	5,128	4,818	6.4	5,157	-.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,462	10,568	-1.0	9,286	12.7
Coke	5,869	5,463	7.4	5,684	3.3
Metals & Products	9,746	10,553	-7.6	9,731	.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,721	20,176	7.7	21,026	3.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,365	10,177	-8.0	8,950	4.6
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	18	20	-10.0	3	500.0
All Other Carloads	7,292	7,452	-2.1	7,071	3.1
Total	344,005	337,181	2.0 %	325,248	5.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 18, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 11 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 18, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	344,005	337,181	2.0 %	3,616,918	3,609,125	.2 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	69,948	69,615	.5	728,981	752,188	-3.1
Containers	45,636	43,262	5.5	493,202	458,158	7.6
Total	115,584	112,877	2.4	1,222,183	1,210,346	1.0
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.0	19.4	3.1 %	209.9 r	208.4	.7 %

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WASHINGTON, March 31, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 25 totaled 332,148, down 3.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 3.4 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 1.2 percent in the East and down 6.7 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 4,952 cars (4.0 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 2,207 cars (16.0 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,779 cars (16.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 12 weeks of 1989 totaled 3,949,066, down 0.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,908 trailers and/or containers for the week ended March 25, up 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of 1989 was 1,336,091 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended March 25 totaled 19.2 billion, 3.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 229.2 billion ton-miles, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	30,003	35,782	-16.2 %	32,344	-7.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,627	2,137	-23.9	2,110	-22.9
Metallic Ores	16,015	13,808	16.0	14,489	10.5
Coal	127,962	123,010	4.0	128,148	-.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	13,441	15,253	-11.9	13,357	.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,014	9,763	-7.7	9,350	-3.6
Grain Mill Products	9,460	10,203	-7.3	9,730	-2.8
Food & Kindred Products	8,209	9,099	-9.8	8,813	-6.9
Primary Forest Products	8,945	10,142	-11.8	10,248	-12.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,769	8,273	-18.2	6,808	-.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,613	11,323	-6.3	10,594	.2
Chemicals	26,924	27,872	-3.4	28,413	-5.2
Petroleum Products	4,670	4,726	-1.2	5,128	-8.9
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,442	10,500	-10.1	10,462	-9.7
Coke	5,909	5,659	4.4	5,869	.7
Metals & Products	9,732	10,786	-9.8	9,746	-.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,283	20,291	-9.9	21,721	-15.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,506	9,756	-12.8	9,365	-9.2
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	16	32	-50.0	18	-11.1
All Other Carloads	6,608	6,529	1.2	7,292	-9.4
Total	332,148	344,944	-3.7 %	344,005	-3.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 12 WEEKS ENDING MARCH 25, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	332,148	344,944	-3.7 %	3,949,066	3,954,069	-.1 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	65,924	70,436	-6.4	794,905	822,624	-3.4
Containers	47,984	42,488	12.9	541,186	500,646	8.1
Total	113,908	112,924	.9	1,336,091	1,323,270	1.0
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.2	19.8	-3.0 %	229.2	228.3	.4 %

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WASHINGTON, April 6, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 1 totaled 345,167, up 7.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 3.9 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 10.7 percent in the East and up 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 13,324 cars (12.0 percent), chemicals were up 4,869 cars (19.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 3,400 cars (21.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,446 cars (4.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 13 weeks of 1989 totaled 4,294,233, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,144 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 1, up 1.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of 1989 was 1,449,235 trailers and/or containers, up 1.1 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 1 totaled 19.9 billion, 8.7 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 249.1 billion ton-miles, up 1.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,152	33,598	-4.3 %	30,003	7.2 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	1,751	1,880	-6.9	1,627	7.6
Metallic Ores	19,195	15,795	21.5	16,015	19.9
Coal	124,153	110,829	12.0	127,962	-3.0
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,162	14,629	-3.2	13,441	5.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,825	9,308	5.6	9,014	9.0
Grain Mill Products	9,532	9,400	1.4	9,460	.8
Food & Kindred Products	8,545	8,750	-2.3	8,209	4.1
Primary Forest Products	9,609	9,619	-.1	8,945	7.4
Lumber & Wood Products	7,595	8,147	-6.8	6,769	12.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,686	11,396	2.5	10,613	10.1
Chemicals	30,168	25,299	19.2	26,924	12.0
Petroleum Products	5,531	4,099	34.9	4,670	18.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,052	10,100	-.5	9,442	6.5
Coke	5,498	5,318	3.4	5,909	-7.0
Metals & Products	11,028	11,629	-5.2	9,732	13.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,716	16,473	13.6	18,283	2.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,850	8,911	-.7	8,506	4.0
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	4	27	-85.2	16	-75.0
All Other Carloads	7,115	6,365	11.8	6,608	7.7
Total	345,167	321,572	7.3 %	332,148	3.9 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 1, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 13 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 1, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,167	321,572	7.3 %	4,294,233	4,277,717	.4 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	66,503	67,509	-1.5	841,134	871,482	-3.5
Containers	46,641	44,096	5.8	608,101	562,497	8.1
Total	113,144	111,605	1.4	1,449,235	1,433,979	1.1
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.9	18.3	8.7 %	249.1	246.7	1.0 %

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WASHINGTON, April 13, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 8 totaled 345,915, up 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 0.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.0 percent in the West and up 2.9 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 7,684 cars (6.5 percent), motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 4,284 cars (25.0 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 2,629 cars (15.4 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,175 cars (3.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 14 weeks of 1989 totaled 4,640,148, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 117,445 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 8, up 10.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of 1989 was 1,566,680 trailers and/or containers, up 1.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 8 totaled 19.7 billion, 3.1 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 268.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	32,523	33,698	-3.5 %	32,152	1.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,304	2,216	4.0	1,751	31.6
Metallic Ores	19,719	17,090	15.4	19,195	2.7
Coal	125,486	117,802	6.5	124,153	1.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,830	16,078	-7.8	14,162	4.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,524	9,975	-4.5	9,825	-3.1
Grain Mill Products	10,208	10,004	2.0	9,532	7.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,458	8,769	-3.5	8,545	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	9,285	9,461	-1.9	9,609	-3.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,369	7,564	-15.8	7,595	-16.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,118	11,296	-10.4	11,686	-13.4
Chemicals	29,669	27,814	6.7	30,168	-1.7
Petroleum Products	4,934	5,084	-3.0	5,531	-10.8
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,033	10,641	-5.7	10,052	-.2
Coke	5,329	6,017	-11.4	5,498	-3.1
Metals & Products	9,375	9,962	-5.9	11,028	-15.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,453	17,169	25.0	18,716	14.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,182	~~8,523~~	7.7	8,850	3.8
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	8	25	-68.0	4	100.0
All Other Carloads	7,108	6,779	4.9	7,115	-.1
Total	345,915	335,967	3.0 %	345,167	.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 14 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 8, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,915	335,967	3.0 %	4,640,148	4,613,684	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	68,407	65,470	4.5	909,541	936,952	-2.9
Containers	49,038	41,228	18.9	657,139	603,725	8.8
Total	117,445	106,698	10.1	1,566,680	1,540,677	1.7
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.7	19.1	3.1 %	268.8	265.8	1.1 %

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WASHINGTON, April 20, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 15 totaled 353,978, up 1.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 2.3 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.2 percent in the East but down 1.1 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 7,170 cars (5.9 percent), loadings of metallic ores rose 2,988 cars (16.2 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 1,288 cars (6.1 percent). Grain loadings were down 2,508 cars (7.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 15 weeks of 1989 totaled 4,994,126, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,088 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 15, up 3.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of 1989 was 1,680,768 trailers and/or containers, up 1.8 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 15 totaled 20.0 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 288.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	31,050	33,558	-7.5 %	32,523	-4.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,396	2,318	3.4	2,304	4.0
Metallic Ores	21,414	18,426	16.2	19,719	8.6
Coal	128,629	121,459	5.9	125,486	2.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	15,388	16,220	-5.1	14,830	3.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,897	10,380	-4.7	9,524	3.9
Grain Mill Products	10,240	10,434	-1.9	10,208	.3
Food & Kindred Products	8,513	9,082	-6.3	8,458	.7
Primary Forest Products	9,630	9,779	-1.5	9,285	3.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,734	7,870	-14.4	6,369	5.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,224	10,918	-6.4	10,118	1.0
Chemicals	29,260	28,180	3.8	29,669	-1.4
Petroleum Products	5,002	4,612	8.5	4,934	1.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,518	11,587	-9.2	10,033	4.8
Coke	6,113	6,279	-2.6	5,329	14.7
Metals & Products	9,956	10,634	-6.4	9,375	6.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	22,540	21,252	6.1	21,453	5.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,489	9,647	-1.6	9,182	3.3
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	5	22	-77.3	8	-37.5
All Other Carloads	6,980	7,209	-3.2	7,108	-1.8
Total	353,978	**349,866**	**1.2 %**	**345,915**	**2.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 15, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 15 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 15, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	353,978	349,866	1.2 %	4,994,126	4,963,550	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	66,258	67,087	-1.2	975,799	1,004,039	-2.8
Containers	47,830	42,780	11.8	704,969	646,505	9.0
Total	114,088	109,867	3.8	1,680,768	1,650,544	1.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.0	19.9	.5 %	288.8	285.7	1.1 %

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WASHINGTON, April 27, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 22 totaled 354,201, up 2.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 0.1 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.3 percent in the East but down 0.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 9,108 cars (7.7 percent), loadings of chemicals rose 2,555 cars (9.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores were up 1,645 cars (8.3 percent). Grain loadings were down 3,191 cars (9.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 16 weeks of 1989 totaled 5,344,143, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,308 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 22, up 2.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of 1989 was 1,794,076 trailers and/or containers, up 1.9 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 22 totaled 20.1 billion, 2.0 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 309.0 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,659	32,850	-9.7 %	31,050	-4.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,501	2,226	12.4	2,396	4.4
Metallic Ores	21,385	19,740	8.3	21,414	-.1
Coal	128,045	118,937	7.7	128,629	-.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,326	16,550	-1.4	15,388	6.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,696	10,831	-10.5	9,897	-2.0
Grain Mill Products	10,152	10,661	-4.8	10,240	-.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,843	9,310	-5.0	8,513	3.9
Primary Forest Products	9,435	9,226	2.3	9,630	-2.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,882	7,929	-13.2	6,734	2.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,427	10,522	-.9	10,224	2.0
Chemicals	30,272	27,717	9.2	29,260	3.5
Petroleum Products	5,218	4,707	10.9	5,002	4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,126	10,973	1.4	10,518	5.8
Coke	5,728	5,831	-1.8	6,113	-6.3
Metals & Products	9,897	10,896	-9.2	9,956	-.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,872	21,474	1.9	22,540	-3.0
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,387	9,725	-3.5	9,489	-1.1
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	6	30	-80.0	5	20.0
All Other Carloads	7,344	7,032	4.4	6,980	5.2
Total	354,201	347,167	2.0 %	353,978	.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING APRIL 22, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 16 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 22, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	354,201	347,167	2.0 %	5,344,143	5,310,717	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	67,436	67,798	-.5	1,043,285	1,071,837	-2.7
Containers	45,822	42,663	7.4	750,791	689,168	8.9
Total	**113,308**	**110,461**	2.6	**1,794,076**	**1,761,005**	1.9
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.1	19.7	2.0 %	309.0	305.3	1.2 %

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WASHINGTON, May 4, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 29 totaled 352,845, up 0.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988, but down 0.4 percent from the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.4 percent in the East and 0.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, metallic ores were up 3,143 cars (15.9 percent), loadings of chemicals rose 4,016 cars (15.4 percent), and coal loadings were up 2,854 cars (2.3 percent). Grain loadings were down 4,401 cars (13.9 percent) and lumber and wood products were down 1,505 cars (17.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 17 weeks of 1989 totaled 5,696,988, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,541 trailers and/or containers for the week ended April 29, up 1.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of 1989 was 1,908,617 trailers and/or containers, up 1.8 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended April 29 totaled 20.0 billion, 1.0 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 328.9 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,344	31,745	-13.9 %	29,659	-7.8 %
Farm Products, Ex Grain	2,188	2,128	2.8	2,501	-12.5
Metallic Ores	22,909	19,766	15.9	21,385	7.1
Coal	124,863	122,009	2.3	128,045	-2.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,819	16,188	3.9	16,326	3.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,906	11,056	-10.4	9,696	2.2
Grain Mill Products	10,343	10,678	-3.1	10,152	1.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,995	8,780	2.4	8,843	1.7
Primary Forest Products	9,936	9,615	3.3	9,435	5.3
Lumber & Wood Products	7,279	8,784	-17.1	6,882	5.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,688	11,259	-5.1	10,427	2.5
Chemicals	30,176	26,160	15.4	30,272	-.3
Petroleum Products	5,198	5,107	1.8	5,218	-.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,843	10,784	.5	11,126	-2.5
Coke	5,192	6,269	-17.2	5,728	-9.4
Metals & Products	10,634	11,589	-8.2	9,897	7.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	22,199	21,258	4.4	21,872	1.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,698	10,040	-3.4	9,387	3.3
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	11	28	-60.7	6	83.3
All Other Carloads	7,624	7,957	-4.2	7,344	3.8
Total	352,845	351,200	.5 %	354,201	-.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING APRIL 29, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 17 WEEKS ENDING APRIL 29, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	352,845	351,200	.5 %	5,696,988	5,661,917	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	67,759	68,516	-1.1	1,111,044	1,140,353	-2.6
Containers	46,782	44,839	4.3	797,573	734,007	8.7
Total	114,541	113,355	1.0	1,908,617	1,874,360	1.8
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.0	19.8	1.0 %	328.9	325.1	1.2 %

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WASHINGTON, May 11, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 6 totaled 345,763, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988, but down 2.0 percent from the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.1 percent in the East, but down 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 8,114 cars (6.9 percent), and loadings of chemicals rose 1,398 cars (5.1 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,512 cars (17.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 18 weeks of 1989 totaled 6,042,751, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,290 trailers and/or containers for the week ended May 6, up 0.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of 1989 was 2,021,907 trailers and/or containers, up 1.8 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended May 6 totaled 19.7 billion, 1.0 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 348.7 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,372	31,884	-17.3 %	27,344	-3.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,514	2,161	-29.9	2,188	-30.8
Metallic Ores	21,031	20,421	3.0	22,909	-8.2
Coal	126,563	118,449	6.9	124,863	1.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,660	17,239	-3.4	16,819	-.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,030	10,585	4.2	9,906	11.3
Grain Mill Products	10,299	10,390	-.9	10,343	-.4
Food & Kindred Products	8,699	9,126	-4.7	8,995	-3.3
Primary Forest Products	9,065	9,737	-6.9	9,936	-8.8
Lumber & Wood Products	6,766	7,210	-6.2	7,279	-7.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,195	11,006	-7.4	10,688	-4.6
Chemicals	28,681	27,283	5.1	30,176	-5.0
Petroleum Products	4,981	4,981	.0	5,198	-4.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,515	10,812	-2.7	10,843	-3.0
Coke	5,505	5,765	-4.5	5,192	6.0
Metals & Products	10,104	10,815	-6.6	10,634	-5.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,467	21,418	.2	22,199	-3.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,989	8,995	-.1	9,698	-7.3
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	17	37	-54.1	11	54.5
All Other Carloads	7,310	7,407	-1.3	7,624	-4.1
Total	**345,763**	**345,721**	**.0 %**	**352,845**	**-2.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 18 WEEKS ENDING MAY 6, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,763	345,721	.0 %	6,042,751	6,007,638	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	66,072	67,695	-2.4	1,177,116	1,208,048	-2.6
Containers	47,218	44,875	5.2	844,791	778,882	8.5
Total	113,290	112,570	.6	2,021,907	1,986,930	1.8
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.7	19.5	1.0 %	348.7	344.6	1.2 %

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 18, 1989 - PS.

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WASHINGTON, May 18, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 13 totaled 344,574, down 0.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 0.3 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the East, but down 3.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 8,418 cars (7.1 percent), and loadings of chemicals rose 2,335 cars (9.0 percent). Grain loadings were down 7,778 cars (23.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 19 weeks of 1989 totaled 6,387,140, up 0.5 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,641 trailers and/or containers for the week ended May 13, up 0.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of 1989 was 2,134,548 trailers and/or containers, up 1.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended May 13 totaled 19.7 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 368.3 billion ton-miles, up 1.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,107	32,885	-23.7 %	26,372	-4.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,519	2,102	-27.7	1,514	.3
Metallic Ores	21,282	20,751	2.6	21,031	1.2
Coal	127,200	118,782	7.1	126,416	.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,054	18,660	-8.6	16,660	2.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,521	10,847	-3.0	11,030	-4.6
Grain Mill Products	10,104	10,294	-1.8	10,299	-1.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,868	9,015	-1.6	8,668	2.3
Primary Forest Products	9,059	9,819	-7.7	9,118	-.6
Lumber & Wood Products	6,603	7,546	-12.5	6,768	-2.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,152	10,960	-7.4	10,142	.1
Chemicals	28,273	25,938	9.0	28,672	-1.4
Petroleum Products	4,925	4,955	-.6	4,981	-1.1
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,657	11,189	-4.8	10,515	1.4
Coke	5,577	6,019	-7.3	5,505	1.3
Metals & Products	9,702	9,788	-.9	10,104	-4.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,192	21,258	-.3	21,467	-1.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,525	9,533	-.1	8,989	6.0
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	4	16	-75.0	17	-76.5
All Other Carloads	7,250	7,122	1.8	7,310	-.8
Total	**344,574**	**347,479**	**-.8 %**	**345,578**	**-.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 13, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 19 WEEKS ENDING MAY 13, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**344,574**	**347,479**	**-.8 %**	**6,387,140**	**6,355,117**	**.5 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	65,900	67,658	-2.6	1,243,016	1,275,706	-2.6
Containers	46,741	44,577	4.9	891,532	823,459	8.3
Total	**112,641**	**112,235**	**.4**	**2,134,548**	**2,099,165**	**1.7**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.7**	**19.6**	**.5 %**	**368.3**	**364.2**	**1.1 %**

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WASHINGTON, May 25, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 20 totaled 348,659, up 1.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 1.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.5 percent in the East, but down 0.1 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 10,715 cars (9.2 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 3,845 cars (19.9 percent). Grain loadings were down 3,503 cars (11.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 20 weeks of 1989 totaled 6,735,799, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,434 trailers and/or containers for the week ended May 20, down 0.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of 1989 was 2,245,982 trailers and/or containers, up 1.6 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended May 20 totaled 19.8 billion, 2.6 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 388.1 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,505	31,008	-11.3 %	25,107	9.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,596	2,138	-25.4	1,519	5.1
Metallic Ores	23,177	19,332	19.9	21,282	8.9
Coal	126,737	116,022	9.2	127,200	-.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,405	17,490	-6.2	17,054	-3.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,029	11,395	-3.2	10,521	4.8
Grain Mill Products	10,046	10,703	-6.1	10,104	-.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,817	8,843	-.3	8,868	-.6
Primary Forest Products	9,475	10,099	-6.2	9,059	4.6
Lumber & Wood Products	6,871	7,795	-11.9	6,603	4.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,382	10,862	-4.4	10,152	2.3
Chemicals	27,244	26,080	4.5	28,273	-3.6
Petroleum Products	5,137	4,989	3.0	4,925	4.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,625	11,235	-5.4	10,657	-.3
Coke	5,485	5,415	1.3	5,577	-1.6
Metals & Products	10,393	10,000	3.9	9,702	7.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	21,091	22,116	-4.6	21,192	-.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,403	9,835	-4.4	9,525	-1.3
Forwarder & Shipper Assn.	5	10	-50.0	4	25.0
All Other Carloads	7,236	6,868	5.4	7,250	-.2
Total	**348,659**	**342,235**	**1.9 %**	**344,574**	**1.2 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 20 WEEKS ENDING MAY 20, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**348,659**	**342,235**	**1.9 %**	**6,735,799**	**6,697,352**	**.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic						
Trailers	64,975	67,433	-3.6	1,307,991	1,343,139	-2.6
Containers	46,459	44,058	5.4	937,991	867,517	8.1
Total	**111,434**	**111,491**	**-.1**	**2,245,982**	**2,210,656**	**1.6**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.8**	**19.3**	**2.6 %**	**388.1**	**383.4**	**1.2 %**

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WASHINGTON, June 1, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 27 totaled 347,013, down 0.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 0.5 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.8 percent in the East, but down 3.0 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 4,293 cars (3.6 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 3,782 cars (19.3 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,140 cars (16.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 21 weeks of 1989 totaled 7,082,812, up 0.5 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 108,367 trailers and/or containers for the week ended May 27, down 6.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of 1989 was 2,357,364 trailers and/or containers, up 1.3 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended May 27 totaled 19.7 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 407.8 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,518	31,658	-16.2 %	27,505	-3.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,561	2,175	-28.2	1,596	-2.2
Metallic Ores	23,347	19,565	19.3	23,177	.7
Coal	124,635	120,342	3.6	126,737	-1.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,697	18,117	-7.8	16,405	1.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,667	10,564	10.4	11,029	5.8
Grain Mill Products	10,039	10,858	-7.5	10,046	-.1
Food & Kindred Products	8,764	9,216	-4.9	8,817	-.6
Primary Forest Products	9,645	10,061	-4.1	9,475	1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	7,171	8,255	-13.1	6,871	4.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,359	11,089	-6.6	10,382	-.2
Chemicals	26,857	25,414	5.7	27,244	-1.4
Petroleum Products	5,508	4,938	11.5	5,137	7.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,013	11,382	-3.2	10,625	3.7
Coke	5,377	5,334	.8	5,485	-2.0
Metals & Products	9,941	11,177	-11.1	10,393	-4.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,484	21,038	-2.6	21,091	-2.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,440	9,499	-.6	9,403	.4
All Other Carloads	7,990	7,782	2.7	7,241	10.3
Total	**347,013**	**348,464**	**-.4 %**	**348,659**	**-.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 21 WEEKS ENDING MAY 27, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	347,013	348,464	-.4 %	7,082,812	7,045,816	.5 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,212	69,272	-8.7	1,372,480	1,412,411	-2.8
Containers	45,155	46,379	-2.6	984,884	913,896	7.8
Total	108,367	115,651	-6.3	2,357,364	2,326,307	1.3
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.7	19.7	.0 %	407.8	403.1	1.2 %

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 21, 1989 - TM.

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WASHINGTON, June 8, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 3 totaled 317,992, up 3.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988, but 8.4 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Both the 1989 and 1988 weeks included the Memorial Day holiday. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.7 percent in the East, and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 12,372 cars (11.6 percent), and loadings of metallic ores rose 5,320 cars (28.6 percent). Grain loadings were down 2,663 cars (9.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 22 weeks of 1989 totaled 7,400,875, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 98,040 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 3, down 4.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of 1989 was 2,455,404 trailers and/or containers, up 1.1 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 3 totaled 17.9 billion, 3.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 425.7 billion ton-miles, up 1.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,207	26,870	-9.9 %	26,479	-8.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,935	2,008	-3.6	1,569	23.3
Metallic Ores	23,903	18,583	28.6	23,355	2.3
Coal	118,888	106,516	11.6	124,635	-4.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,842	15,237	-2.6	16,802	-11.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,120	9,716	-6.1	11,667	-21.8
Grain Mill Products	8,479	9,234	-8.2	10,039	-15.5
Food & Kindred Products	7,805	7,929	-1.6	8,776	-11.1
Primary Forest Products	8,271	8,475	-2.4	9,645	-14.2
Lumber & Wood Products	6,133	6,599	-7.1	7,171	-14.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,826	11,311	-4.3	10,349	4.6
Chemicals	23,839	23,004	3.6	26,851	-11.2
Petroleum Products	4,720	4,582	3.0	5,508	-14.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,649	9,501	1.6	11,015	-12.4
Coke	5,535	5,425	2.0	5,375	3.0
Metals & Products	9,271	10,081	-8.0	9,935	-6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,709	17,749	-5.9	20,484	-18.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,542	7,692	-2.0	9,433	-20.0
All Other Carloads	6,318	5,894	7.2	7,996	-21.0
Total	**317,992**	**306,406**	**3.8 %**	**347,084**	**-8.4 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 3, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 22 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 3, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**317,992**	**306,406**	**3.8 %**	**7,400,875**	**7,352,222**	**.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	57,593	60,347	-4.6	1,430,073	1,472,758	-2.9
Containers	40,447	41,834	-3.3	1,025,331	955,730	7.3
Total	**98,040**	**102,181**	**-4.1**	**2,455,404**	**2,428,488**	**1.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**17.9**	**17.3**	**3.5 %**	**425.7**	**420.4**	**1.3 %**

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WASHINGTON, June 15, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 10 totaled 345,764, down 0.5 percent from the comparable week of 1988, but 8.7 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 0.5 percent in the East, but down 1.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 12,380 cars (10.5 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,621 cars (17.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 23 weeks of 1989 totaled 7,746,639, up 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 110,748 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 10, down 0.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of 1989 was 2,566,152 trailers and/or containers, up 1.0 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 10 totaled 19.6 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 445.3 billion ton-miles, up 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,196	32,817	-17.1 %	24,207	12.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,064	2,390	-13.6	1,935	6.7
Metallic Ores	21,710	22,339	-2.8	23,903	-9.2
Coal	130,440	118,060	10.5	118,888	9.7
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,014	18,637	-8.7	14,842	14.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,576	10,428	1.4	9,120	16.0
Grain Mill Products	10,126	10,509	-3.6	8,479	19.4
Food & Kindred Products	8,684	8,764	-.9	7,805	11.3
Primary Forest Products	9,420	9,879	-4.6	8,271	13.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,688	7,598	-12.0	6,133	9.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,056	10,892	-7.7	10,826	-7.1
Chemicals	25,788	25,700	.3	23,839	8.2
Petroleum Products	5,084	5,110	-.5	4,720	7.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,744	11,049	-2.8	9,649	11.3
Coke	5,278	5,795	-8.9	5,535	-4.6
Metals & Products	9,322	10,131	-8.0	9,271	.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,167	21,300	-5.3	16,709	20.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,837	9,291	-4.9	7,542	17.2
All Other Carloads	6,570	6,952	-5.5	6,318	4.0
Total	**345,764**	**347,641**	**-.5 %**	**317,992**	**8.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 10, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 23 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 10, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	345,764	347,641	-.5 %	7,746,639	7,699,863	.6 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,120	67,222	-3.1	1,495,193	1,539,980	-2.9
Containers	45,628	44,240	3.1	1,070,959	999,970	7.1
Total	110,748	111,462	-.6	2,566,152	2,539,950	1.0
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.6	19.5	.5 %	445.3	439.9	1.2 %

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WASHINGTON, June 22, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 17 totaled 336,461, down 3.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 2.7 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 2.0 percent in the East and 4.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 2,983 cars (2.5 percent) and loadings of metallic ores were up 2,459 cars (12.2 percent). Grain loadings were down 7,993 cars (23.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 24 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,083,100, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 110,205 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 17, down 2.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of 1989 was 2,676,357 trailers and/or containers, up 0.9 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 17 totaled 18.9 billion, 3.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 464.2 billion ton-miles, up 1.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,439	33,432	-23.9 %	27,196	-6.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,095	2,262	-7.4	2,064	1.5
Metallic Ores	22,590	20,131	12.2	21,710	4.1
Coal	121,989	119,006	2.5	130,440	-6.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,588	18,268	-9.2	17,014	-2.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,192	9,837	3.6	10,576	-3.6
Grain Mill Products	9,877	10,413	-5.1	10,126	-2.5
Food & Kindred Products	8,638	8,904	-3.0	8,684	-.5
Primary Forest Products	9,124	10,133	-10.0	9,420	-3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,838	7,851	-12.9	6,688	2.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,568	10,952	-3.5	10,056	5.1
Chemicals	25,701	26,189	-1.9	25,788	-.3
Petroleum Products	4,962	5,199	-4.6	5,084	-2.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,438	11,260	-7.3	10,744	-2.8
Coke	5,455	5,700	-4.3	5,278	3.4
Metals & Products	9,256	9,910	-6.6	9,322	-.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,556	21,054	-2.4	20,167	1.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,129	9,291	-1.7	8,837	3.3
All Other Carloads	7,026	7,721	-9.0	6,570	6.9
Total	**336,461**	**347,513**	**-3.2 %**	**345,764**	**-2.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 24 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 17, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**336,461**	**347,513**	**-3.2 %**	**8,083,100**	**8,047,376**	**.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,214	68,217	-4.4	1,560,407	1,608,197	-3.0
Containers	44,991	45,148	-.3	1,115,950	1,045,118	6.8
Total	**110,205**	**113,365**	**-2.8**	**2,676,357**	**2,653,315**	**.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.9**	**19.6**	**-3.6 %**	**464.2**	**459.5**	**1.0 %**

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 24, 1989 - GBW.

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WASHINGTON, June 29, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 24 totaled 329,396, down 5.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 2.1 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 8.2 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 6,809 cars (5.7 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Loadings of metallic ores were up 1,556 cars (7.2 percent), while grain loadings were down 6,893 cars (20.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 25 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,412,479, up 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 111,603 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 24, down 3.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 25 weeks of 1989 was 2,787,960 trailers and/or containers, up 0.7 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 24 totaled 18.6 billion, 4.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 482.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.8 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,654	34,547	-20.0 %	25,439	8.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,017	2,214	-8.9	2,095	-3.7
Metallic Ores	23,222	21,666	7.2	22,590	2.8
Coal	113,070	119,879	-5.7	122,078	-7.4
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,128	18,662	-8.2	16,620	3.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,708	9,781	9.5	10,192	5.1
Grain Mill Products	9,860	9,791	.7	9,877	-.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,379	8,779	-4.6	8,617	-2.8
Primary Forest Products	9,251	9,604	-3.7	9,088	1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	7,337	7,779	-5.7	6,837	7.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,463	11,127	-6.0	10,536	-.7
Chemicals	24,978	25,750	-3.0	25,700	-2.8
Petroleum Products	4,991	5,491	-9.1	4,962	.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,195	11,090	-8.1	10,438	-2.3
Coke	5,244	5,725	-8.4	5,455	-3.9
Metals & Products	9,812	10,181	-3.6	9,256	6.0
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,626	20,801	-5.6	20,556	-4.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,462	8,668	-2.4	9,140	-7.4
All Other Carloads	6,999	7,600	-7.9	6,968	.4
Total	329,396	349,135	-5.7 %	336,444	-2.1 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 24, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 25 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 24, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	329,396	349,135	-5.7 %	8,412,479	8,396,511	.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,363	69,629	-6.1	1,625,770	1,677,826	-3.1
Containers	46,240	45,614	1.4	1,162,190	1,090,732	6.6
Total	111,603	115,243	-3.2	2,787,960	2,768,558	.7
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.6	19.5	-4.6 %	482.8	479.0	.8 %

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WASHINGTON, July 7, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 1 totaled 316,948, down 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 3.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 4.6 percent in the East and 1.3 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 5,559 cars (5.5 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Loadings of metallic ores were up 2,274 cars (10.6 percent), while grain loadings were down 2,540 cars (8.1 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment showed a drop of 1,713 cars (9.0 percent)

Cumulative carloadings for the first 26 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,729,427, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,954 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 1, down 5.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of 1989 was 2,900,914 trailers and/or containers, up 0.5 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 1 totaled 18.0 billion, 1.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 26 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 500.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.7 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	28,929	31,469	-8.1 %	27,654	4.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,617	2,047	-21.0	2,017	-19.8
Metallic Ores	23,673	21,399	10.6	23,222	1.9
Coal	96,197	101,756	-5.5	113,070	-14.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,104	17,489	-2.2	17,128	-.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,306	10,361	-.5	10,708	-3.8
Grain Mill Products	10,154	10,314	-1.6	9,860	3.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,555	9,312	-8.1	8,379	2.1
Primary Forest Products	9,541	9,594	-.6	9,251	3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	7,596	7,756	-2.1	7,337	3.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,891	11,201	-2.8	10,463	4.1
Chemicals	26,593	26,309	1.1	24,978	6.5
Petroleum Products	5,464	5,417	.9	4,991	9.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,657	11,273	-5.5	10,195	4.5
Coke	5,408	5,394	.3	5,244	3.1
Metals & Products	10,465	10,542	-.7	9,812	6.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,400	19,113	-9.0	19,626	-11.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,551	8,706	-1.8	8,462	1.1
All Other Carloads	7,847	7,223	8.6	6,999	12.1
Total	**316,948**	**326,675**	**-3.0 %**	**329,396**	**-3.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING JULY 1, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 26 WEEKS ENDING JULY 1, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	316,948	326,675	-3.0 %	8,729,427	8,723,186	.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,890	73,570	-9.1	1,692,660	1,751,396	-3.4
Containers	46,064	45,536	1.2	1,208,254	1,136,268	6.3
Total	112,954	119,106	-5.2	2,900,914	2,887,664	.5
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.0	18.3	-1.6 %	500.8	497.3	.7 %

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 26, 1989 - IC.

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WASHINGTON, July 13, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended July 8 totaled 246,303, down 9.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 22.3 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 9.2 percent in the East and 10.4 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 6,169 cars (7.6 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East. Grain loadings were down 7,839 cars (27.0 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment showed a drop of 2,012 cars (17.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 27 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,975,875, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 87,833 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 8, down 12.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of 1989 was 2,988,483 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 8 totaled 13.9 billion, 10.3 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 514.8 billion ton-miles, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	21,153	28,992	-27.0 %	28,552	-25.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,143	1,736	-34.2	1,624	-29.6
Metallic Ores	22,016	22,542	-2.3	23,681	-7.0
Coal	75,022	81,191	-7.6	96,966	-22.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,494	14,788	-15.5	17,073	-26.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,417	9,833	-14.4	10,210	-17.6
Grain Mill Products	8,549	8,551	.0	10,027	-14.7
Food & Kindred Products	7,140	7,137	.0	8,510	-16.1
Primary Forest Products	5,892	7,252	-18.8	9,561	-38.4
Lumber & Wood Products	4,365	5,222	-16.4	7,610	-42.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,368	10,331	.4	10,999	-5.7
Chemicals	24,267	23,518	3.2	26,608	-8.8
Petroleum Products	4,454	4,563	-2.4	5,411	-17.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	8,729	9,534	-8.4	10,638	-17.9
Coke	4,949	5,697	-13.1	5,380	-8.0
Metals & Products	7,315	8,136	-10.1	10,408	-29.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	9,644	11,656	-17.3	17,398	-44.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,585	6,838	-18.3	8,620	-35.2
All Other Carloads	4,801	5,709	-15.9	7,817	-38.6
Total	**246,303**	**273,226**	**-9.9 %**	**317,093**	**-22.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 27 WEEKS ENDING JULY 8, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**246,303**	**273,226**	**-9.9 %**	**8,975,875**	**8,996,412**	**-.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	49,187	60,069	-18.1	1,741,551	1,811,465	-3.9
Containers	38,646	40,738	-5.1	1,246,932	1,177,006	5.9
Total	**87,833**	**100,807**	**-12.9**	**2,988,483**	**2,988,471**	**.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**13.9**	**15.5**	**-10.3 %**	**514.8**	**512.8**	**.4 %**

NOTE: **Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.**

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WASHINGTON, July 20, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 15 totaled 301,605, down 9.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 22.5 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 16.8 percent in the East and 1.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was down 25,027 cars (21.5 percent), due largely to continuing strikes by coal miners in the East plus the annual coal miners' holiday. Grain loadings were down 3,139 cars (10.2 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were up 4,486 cars (20.6 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 28 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,277,480, down 0.6 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 109,624 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 15, down 1.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of 1989 was 3,098,107 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as the 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 15 totaled 17.0 billion, 11.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 531.8 billion ton-miles, about the same as the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	27,503	30,642	-10.2 %	21,153	30.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,538	1,635	-5.9	1,143	34.6
Metallic Ores	26,309	21,823	20.6	22,016	19.5
Coal	91,365	116,392	-21.5	75,022	21.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,742	18,068	-1.8	12,494	42.0
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,352	10,094	2.6	8,417	23.0
Grain Mill Products	9,795	10,183	-3.8	8,549	14.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,599	9,067	-5.2	7,140	20.4
Primary Forest Products	9,645	9,911	-2.7	5,892	63.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,421	7,104	-9.6	4,365	47.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,551	10,624	-.7	10,368	1.8
Chemicals	26,098	26,405	-1.2	24,267	7.5
Petroleum Products	5,486	5,249	4.5	4,454	23.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,084	11,476	-3.4	8,729	27.0
Coke	5,050	6,044	-16.4	4,949	2.0
Metals & Products	8,709	10,406	-16.3	7,315	19.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	10,254	11,981	-14.4	9,644	6.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,159	9,175	-11.1	5,585	46.1
All Other Carloads	6,945	7,233	-4.0	4,801	44.7
Total	**301,605**	**333,512**	**-9.6 %**	**246,303**	**22.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 28 WEEKS ENDING JULY 15, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**301,605**	**333,512**	**-9.6 %**	**9,277,480**	**9,329,924**	**-.6 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	62,129	65,226	-4.7	1,803,680	1,876,691	-3.9
Containers	47,495	45,587	4.2	1,294,427	1,222,593	5.9
Total	**109,624**	**110,813**	**-1.1**	**3,098,107**	**3,099,284**	**.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**17.0**	**19.1**	**-11.0 %**	**531.8**	**531.9**	**.0 %**

NOTE: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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WASHINGTON, July 27, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 22 totaled 320,725, down 4.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 6.3 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 6.0 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 8,274 cars (6.9 percent). Grain loadings were down 5,560 cars (18.2 percent). Loadings of chemicals were up 2,026 cars (8.0 percent) and metallic ores were up 1,338 cars (6.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 29 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,598,205, down 0.7 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 112,816 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 22, down 0.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of 1989 was 3,210,490 trailers and/or containers, 0.1 percent below the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 22 totaled 18.2 billion, 4.7 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 550.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,937	30,497	-18.2 %	27,503	-9.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,121	1,408	-20.4	1,538	-27.1
Metallic Ores	23,604	22,266	6.0	26,309	-10.3
Coal	111,930	120,204	-6.9	91,365	22.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,302	17,675	-2.1	17,742	-2.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,205	10,136	.7	10,352	-1.4
Grain Mill Products	9,796	10,051	-2.5	9,795	.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,757	9,240	-5.2	8,599	1.8
Primary Forest Products	9,364	9,873	-5.2	9,645	-2.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,803	6,955	-2.2	6,421	5.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,544	10,673	-1.2	10,551	-.1
Chemicals	27,242	25,216	8.0	26,098	4.4
Petroleum Products	5,130	4,975	3.1	5,486	-6.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,506	11,038	-4.8	11,084	-5.2
Coke	5,507	5,720	-3.7	5,050	9.0
Metals & Products	9,501	10,176	-6.6	8,709	9.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,858	13,169	-2.4	10,254	25.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,390	9,203	-8.8	8,159	2.8
All Other Carloads	7,228	7,183	.6	6,945	4.1
Total	**320,725**	**335,658**	**-4.4 %**	**301,605**	**6.3 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING JULY 22, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 29 WEEKS ENDING JULY 22, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**320,725**	**335,658**	**-4.4 %**	**9,598,205**	**9,665,582**	**-.7 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,577	67,806	-4.8	1,868,020	1,944,497	-3.9
Containers	48,239	45,353	6.4	1,342,470	1,267,946	5.9
Total	**112,816**	**113,159**	**-.3**	**3,210,490**	**3,212,443**	**-.1**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.2**	**19.1**	**-4.7 %**	**550.0**	**550.9**	**-.2 %**

NOTES: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

Carloads estimated for: Week 29, 1989 - GBW & PLE.

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WASHINGTON, August 3, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 29 totaled 330,054, down 4.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 3.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 4.9 percent in the East and 3.6 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 4,819 cars (3.8 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,956 cars (6.8 percent). Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were down 1,738 cars (9.3 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 30 weeks of 1989 totaled 9,927,879, down 0.8 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 117,616 trailers and/or containers for the week ended July 29, up 3.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of 1989 was 3,305,225 trailers and/or containers, 0.4 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended July 29 totaled 19.0 billion, 3.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 568.9 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,626	28,582	-6.8 %	24,937	6.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	950	1,056	-10.0	1,121	-15.3
Metallic Ores	20,471	20,776	-1.5	23,604	-13.3
Coal	121,802	126,621	-3.8	111,887	8.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,894	18,632	-9.3	17,311	-2.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,484	11,414	-8.1	10,205	2.7
Grain Mill Products	9,487	10,189	-6.9	9,796	-3.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,144	9,424	-3.0	8,734	4.7
Primary Forest Products	9,264	9,557	-3.1	9,302	-.4
Lumber & Wood Products	7,078	7,605	-6.9	6,803	4.0
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,620	11,022	-3.6	10,393	2.2
Chemicals	26,305	26,276	.1	27,242	-3.4
Petroleum Products	5,300	4,743	11.7	5,130	3.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,935	11,195	-2.3	10,503	4.1
Coke	5,760	6,297	-8.5	5,507	4.6
Metals & Products	9,654	10,789	-10.5	9,502	1.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,914	14,233	-2.2	12,858	8.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,285	9,550	-13.2	8,390	-1.3
All Other Carloads	7,081	7,006	1.1	7,120	-.5
Total	**330,054**	**344,967**	**-4.3 %**	**320,345**	**3.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JULY 29, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 30 WEEKS ENDING JULY 29, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**330,054**	**344,967**	**-4.3 %**	**9,927,879**	**10,010,549**	**-.8 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	66,594	67,553	-1.4	1,911,282	1,986,350	-3.8
Containers	51,022	45,919	11.1	1,393,943	1,304,519	6.9
Total	**117,616**	**113,472**	**3.7**	**3,305,225**	**3,290,869**	**.4**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.0**	**19.6**	**-3.1 %**	**568.9**	**570.6**	**-.3 %**

NOTE: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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WASHINGTON, August 10, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 5 totaled 327,430, down 3.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 0.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 3.1 percent in the East and 2.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were down 4,457 cars (3.6 percent). Grain loadings were down 4,283 cars (14.7 percent). Loadings of waste and scrap materials were down 1,470 cars (16.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 31 weeks of 1989 totaled 10,255,309, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 114,744 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 5, up 1.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of 1989 was 3,419,969 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 5 totaled 18.9 billion, 2.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 587.8 billion ton-miles, down 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,853	29,136	-14.7 %	26,626	-6.7 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	894	1,070	-16.4	950	-5.9
Metallic Ores	21,669	19,123	13.3	20,471	5.9
Coal	120,282	124,739	-3.6	121,802	-1.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,757	18,005	-1.4	16,894	5.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,155	10,865	-6.5	10,484	-3.1
Grain Mill Products	10,000	10,027	-.3	9,487	5.4
Food & Kindred Products	9,050	9,000	.6	9,144	-1.0
Primary Forest Products	8,957	9,515	-5.9	9,264	-3.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,691	6,201	7.9	7,078	-5.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,615	10,651	-.3	10,620	.0
Chemicals	27,278	26,577	2.6	26,305	3.7
Petroleum Products	4,966	5,312	-6.5	5,300	-6.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,737	10,865	-1.2	10,935	-1.8
Coke	5,986	5,998	-.2	5,760	3.9
Metals & Products	9,429	10,119	-6.8	9,654	-2.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	13,950	14,414	-3.2	13,914	.3
Waste & Scrap Materials	7,686	9,156	-16.1	8,285	-7.2
All Other Carloads	6,475	6,641	-2.5	7,081	-8.6
Total	**327,430**	**337,414**	**-3.0 %**	**330,054**	**-.8 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 31 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 5, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	327,430	337,414	-3.0 %	10,255,309	10,347,963	-.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,265	66,144	-1.3	1,976,547	2,052,494	-3.7
Containers	49,479	47,310	4.6	1,443,422	1,351,829	6.8
Total	**114,744**	**113,454**	1.1	**3,419,969**	**3,404,323**	.5
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	18.9	19.3	-2.1 %	587.8	589.9	-.4 %

NOTES: Effective with Week 27, Union Pacific figures include the Missouri-Kansas-Texas. UP's traffic for prior weeks is the sum of UP's and MKT's traffic. Traffic interchanged between the two roads prior to Week 27 has not been excluded from "received" traffic.

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WASHINGTON, August 17, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 12 totaled 340,647, down 0.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 4.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.9 percent in the West but down 1.8 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 1,313 cars (1.0 percent). Motor vehicles and equipment loadings were up 1,059 cars (7.0 percent). Loadings of waste and scrap materials were down 1,534 cars (15.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 32 weeks of 1989 totaled 10,595,918, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,699 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 12, up 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of 1989 was 3,533,668 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 12 totaled 19.5 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 607.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,475	27,036	-2.1 %	24,766	6.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	915	917	-.2	916	-.1
Metallic Ores	21,069	20,416	3.2	21,664	-2.7
Coal	130,234	128,921	1.0	120,282	8.3
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,435	18,079	-3.6	17,823	-2.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,177	10,870	2.8	10,155	10.1
Grain Mill Products	9,533	9,708	-1.8	10,000	-4.7
Food & Kindred Products	9,019	8,825	2.2	9,054	-.4
Primary Forest Products	9,488	9,799	-3.2	8,957	5.9
Lumber & Wood Products	6,271	6,455	-2.9	6,690	-6.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,184	10,725	-5.0	10,608	-4.0
Chemicals	26,927	26,323	2.3	27,277	-1.3
Petroleum Products	5,523	5,318	3.9	4,966	11.2
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,172	10,842	3.0	10,739	4.0
Coke	5,486	5,672	-3.3	5,975	-8.2
Metals & Products	8,947	9,277	-3.6	9,427	-5.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	16,241	15,182	7.0	13,946	16.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,086	9,620	-15.9	7,664	5.5
All Other Carloads	6,465	7,015	-7.8	6,483	-.3
Total	340,647	341,000	-.1 %	327,392	4.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 32 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 12, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**340,647**	**341,000**	**-.1 %**	**10,595,918**	**10,688,963**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,262	66,431	-3.3	2,040,809	2,118,925	-3.7
Containers	49,437	46,240	6.9	1,492,859	1,398,069	6.8
Total	**113,699**	**112,671**	**.9**	**3,533,668**	**3,516,994**	**.5**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.5**	**19.5**	**.0 %**	**607.3**	**609.4**	**-.3 %**

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WASHINGTON, August 24, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 19 totaled 342,562, down 2.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 0.6 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 2.6 percent in the West and 3.0 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, grain loadings were down 2,368 cars (8.5 percent). Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were down 1,408 cars (7.7 percent) and waste and scrap materials were down 1,105 cars (11.7 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 33 weeks of 1989 totaled 10,938,480, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 116,081 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 19, up 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of 1989 was 3,703,546 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 19 totaled 19.7 billion, 2.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 627.1 billion ton-miles, down 0.4 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,547	27,915	-8.5 %	26,475	-3.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	900	897	.3	915	-1.6
Metallic Ores	20,827	21,515	-3.2	21,069	-1.1
Coal	132,554	133,183	-.5	130,234	1.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,962	18,370	-7.7	17,435	-2.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,145	11,014	1.2	11,177	-.3
Grain Mill Products	9,692	9,598	1.0	9,533	1.7
Food & Kindred Products	8,918	9,050	-1.5	9,019	-1.1
Primary Forest Products	9,368	9,680	-3.2	9,488	-1.3
Lumber & Wood Products	6,607	6,774	-2.5	6,271	5.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,961	10,684	-6.8	10,184	-2.2
Chemicals	27,150	27,086	.2	26,927	.8
Petroleum Products	4,937	5,564	-11.3	5,523	-10.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,074	10,789	2.6	11,172	-.9
Coke	5,152	5,990	-14.0	5,486	-6.1
Metals & Products	8,968	9,835	-8.8	8,947	.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,571	17,527	.3	16,241	8.2
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,308	9,413	-11.7	8,086	2.7
All Other Carloads	6,921	7,441	-7.0	6,465	7.1
Total	**342,562**	**352,325**	**-2.8 %**	**340,647**	**.6 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 19, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 33 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 19, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**342,562**	**352,325**	**-2.8 %**	**10,938,480**	**11,041,288**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,570	67,157	-3.9	2,145,619	2,167,513	-1.0
Containers	51,511	47,923	7.5	1,557,927	1,417,003	9.9
Total	**116,081**	**115,080**	**.9**	**3,703,546**	**3,584,516**	**3.3**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.7**	**20.1**	**-2.0 %**	**627.1**	**629.5**	**-.4 %**

Note: CSX intermodal figures have undergone substantial revisions, resulting in a major change in the cumulative totals for both 1989 and 1988.

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WASHINGTON, August 31, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 26 totaled 346,099, up 0.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 4.7 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 4.6 percent in the West but down 2.6 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were up 3,056 cars (17.6 percent). Coal loadings were up 2,246 cars (1.7 percent) and grain loadings were up 845 cars (3.4 percent). Loadings of waste and scrap materials were down 1,109 cars (11.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 34 weeks of 1989 totaled 11,272,593, down 1.0 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 115,350 trailers and/or containers for the week ended August 26, down 1.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of 1989 was 3,818,896 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended August 26 totaled 19.8 billion, 1.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 646.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,980	25,135	3.4 %	25,719	1.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	946	957	-1.1	816	15.9
Metallic Ores	20,392	17,336	17.6	20,323	.3
Coal	132,805	130,559	1.7	132,554	.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,498	18,464	-5.2	15,781	10.9
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,149	10,876	-6.7	10,877	-6.7
Grain Mill Products	10,144	10,445	-2.9	9,889	2.6
Food & Kindred Products	8,797	9,095	-3.3	8,010	9.8
Primary Forest Products	9,312	9,797	-5.0	8,955	4.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,813	7,034	-3.1	4,845	40.6
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,630	10,999	-3.4	9,367	13.5
Chemicals	27,345	26,572	2.9	23,761	15.1
Petroleum Products	5,296	5,310	-.3	4,295	23.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,825	10,551	2.6	10,567	2.4
Coke	5,406	5,791	-6.6	5,153	4.9
Metals & Products	9,645	10,457	-7.8	8,209	17.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,114	18,041	.4	17,314	4.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,302	9,411	-11.8	7,799	6.4
All Other Carloads	7,700	7,016	9.7	6,342	21.4
Total	**346,099**	**343,846**	**.7 %**	**330,576**	**4.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING AUGUST 26, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 34 WEEKS ENDING AUGUST 26, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**346,099**	**343,846**	**.7 %**	**11,272,593**	**11,385,134**	**-1.0 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	63,918	69,227	-7.7	2,209,537	2,236,740	-1.2
Containers	51,432	47,568	8.1	1,609,359	1,464,571	9.9
Total	**115,350**	**116,795**	**-1.2**	**3,818,896**	**3,701,311**	**3.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.8**	**19.5**	**1.5 %**	**646.3** [r]	**648.3** [r]	**-.3 %**

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[r] Cumulative ton-mile estimates for Weeks 27–33 of 1988 and 1989 have been revised.

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WASHINGTON, September 7, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 2 totaled 352,148, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988 and 1.9 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.7 percent in the West but down 1.5 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, chemical loadings were up 2,239 cars (8.3 percent). Coal loadings were up 2,192 cars (1.7 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 1,097 cars (5.9 percent), while loadings of waste and scrap materials dropped by 1,375 cars (14.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 35 weeks of 1989 totaled 11,635,219, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,747 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 2, up 3.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of 1989 was 3,943,294 trailers and/or containers, 3.2 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 2 totaled 20.0 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 666.2 billion ton-miles, down 0.3 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,671	25,828	3.3 %	26,148	2.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,040	1,034	.6	921	12.9
Metallic Ores	21,317	20,653	3.2	20,120	5.9
Coal	133,827	131,635	1.7	132,806	.8
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,123	18,396	-1.5	17,728	2.2
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,302	10,973	-6.1	10,104	2.0
Grain Mill Products	10,280	11,114	-7.5	9,908	3.8
Food & Kindred Products	9,075	9,075	.0	8,731	3.9
Primary Forest Products	9,447	10,182	-7.2	9,281	1.8
Lumber & Wood Products	6,822	7,045	-3.2	6,619	3.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,875	11,267	-3.5	10,595	2.6
Chemicals	29,313	27,074	8.3	27,247	7.6
Petroleum Products	5,244	5,067	3.5	5,258	-.3
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,982	10,965	.2	11,007	-.2
Coke	5,385	5,824	-7.5	5,373	.2
Metals & Products	10,709	10,802	-.9	9,831	8.9
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	17,400	18,497	-5.9	17,889	-2.7
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,311	9,686	-14.2	8,311	.0
All Other Carloads	7,025	7,164	-1.9	7,596	-7.5
Total	**352,148**	**352,281**	**.0 %**	**345,473**	**1.9 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 35 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 1989		
TRAFFIC	**1989**	**1988**	**CHANGE**	**1989**	**1988**	**CHANGE**
Carloads Originated	**352,148**	**352,281**	**.0 %**	**11,635,219**	**11,737,415**	**-.9 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	73,107	72,394	1.0	2,283,291	2,309,134	-1.1
Containers	50,640	46,751	8.3	1,660,003	1,511,322	9.8
Total	**123,747**	**119,145**	**3.9**	**3,943,294**	**3,820,456**	**3.2**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**20.0**	**20.0**	**.0 %**	**666.2**	**668.3**	**-.3 %**

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WASHINGTON, September 14, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended September 9 totaled 305,544, down 1.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 13.2 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 1.6 percent in the West but down 3.8 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were up 1,975 cars (10.8 percent). Coal loadings were up 1,017 cars (0.9 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 1,280 cars (8.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 36 weeks of 1989 totaled 11,940,763, down 0.9 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 99,025 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 9, down 1.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of 1989 was 4,042,319 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 9 totaled 17.4 billion, 1.1 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 686.4 billion ton-miles, up 0.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	21,384	23,798	-10.1 %	26,671	-19.8 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	888	991	-10.4	1,040	-14.6
Metallic Ores	20,246	18,271	10.8	21,317	-5.0
Coal	119,748	118,731	.9	133,827	-10.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	14,752	14,874	-.8	18,123	-18.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,800	9,408	-6.5	10,302	-14.6
Grain Mill Products	8,830	9,202	-4.0	10,280	-14.1
Food & Kindred Products	7,712	7,584	1.7	9,075	-15.0
Primary Forest Products	8,035	8,371	-4.0	9,447	-14.9
Lumber & Wood Products	5,016	5,501	-8.8	6,822	-26.5
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,290	10,812	-4.8	10,875	-5.4
Chemicals	24,804	23,838	4.1	29,313	-15.4
Petroleum Products	4,851	4,431	9.5	5,244	-7.5
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,637	9,704	-.7	10,982	-12.2
Coke	5,449	5,504	-1.0	5,385	1.2
Metals & Products	7,879	8,684	-9.3	10,709	-26.4
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	14,772	16,052	-8.0	17,400	-15.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	6,595	7,565	-12.8	8,311	-20.6
All Other Carloads	5,856	6,275	-6.7	7,025	-16.6
Total	305,544	309,596	-1.3 %	352,148	-13.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 36 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	305,544	309,596	-1.3 %	11,940,763	12,047,011	-.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	56,978	58,838	-3.2	2,340,269	2,367,972	-1.2
Containers	42,047	42,019	.1	1,702,050	1,553,341	9.6
Total	99,025	100,857	-1.8	4,042,319	3,921,313	3.1
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	17.4	17.6	-1.1 %	686.4 [r]	685.9	.1 %

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[r] Cumulative ton-mile estimate revised to reflect actual ton-miles reported in 2nd Quarter 1989

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WASHINGTON, September 21, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 16 totaled 343,408, down 3.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 12.4 percent above the preceding holiday week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 3.7 percent in the West and 3.4 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of coal were up 1,391 cars (1.1 percent). Grain was off by 5,463 cars (17.5 percent) and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 2,346 cars (11.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 37 weeks of 1989 totaled 12,284,084, down 1.0 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 121,102 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 16, up 2.9 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of 1989 was 4,163,421 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 16 totaled 19.6 billion, 3.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 705.6 billion ton-miles, about the same as the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,712	31,175	-17.5 %	21,384	20.2 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,353	1,786	-24.2	888	52.4
Metallic Ores	20,936	20,732	1.0	20,246	3.4
Coal	130,367	128,976	1.1	119,748	8.9
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,232	18,897	-3.5	14,752	23.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,545	10,709	-10.9	8,800	8.5
Grain Mill Products	9,909	10,512	-5.7	8,830	12.2
Food & Kindred Products	8,411	8,840	-4.9	7,712	9.1
Primary Forest Products	9,441	10,074	-6.3	8,035	17.5
Lumber & Wood Products	6,357	7,061	-10.0	5,016	26.7
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,198	10,965	-7.0	10,290	-.9
Chemicals	26,873	26,946	-.3	24,717	8.7
Petroleum Products	5,365	5,133	4.5	4,851	10.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,462	10,809	6.0	9,637	18.9
Coke	5,546	5,699	-2.7	5,449	1.8
Metals & Products	9,235	10,076	-8.3	7,879	17.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,041	20,387	-11.5	14,772	22.1
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,936	9,661	-7.5	6,595	35.5
All Other Carloads	7,489	7,712	-2.9	5,856	27.9
Total	343,408	356,150	-3.6 %	305,457	12.4 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 37 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 16, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	343,408	356,150	-3.6 %	12,284,084	12,403,161	-1.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	69,924	69,950	.0	2,410,193	2,437,922	-1.1
Containers	51,178	47,720	7.2	1,753,228	1,601,061	9.5
Total	121,102	117,670	2.9	4,163,421	4,038,983	3.1
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.6	20.2	-3.0 %	705.6 r	705.8 r	.0 %

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r Cumulative ton-miles revised to reflect revisions in Week 37, 1988, carloadings.

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WASHINGTON, September 28, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 23 totaled 346,837, down 3.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 1.0 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 3.1 percent in the West and 3.0 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of coal were up 2,543 cars (2.0 percent). Grain was off by 5,918 cars (19.4 percent). Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were down 1,798 cars (9.3 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings fell 1,440 cars (6.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 38 weeks of 1989 totaled 12,630,921, down 1.0 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 123,371 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 23, up 1.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of 1989 was 4,286,792 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 23 totaled 19.8 billion, 2.5 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 725.4 billion ton-miles, down 0.1 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

		COMPARISON WITH			
COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1989	SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	24,522	30,440	-19.4 %	25,712	-4.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,600	1,812	-11.7	1,353	18.3
Metallic Ores	19,967	20,691	-3.5	20,936	-4.6
Coal	132,353	129,810	2.0	130,367	1.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,580	19,378	-9.3	18,232	-3.6
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,866	11,048	7.4	9,545	24.3
Grain Mill Products	10,005	10,527	-5.0	9,909	1.0
Food & Kindred Products	8,756	8,989	-2.6	8,411	4.1
Primary Forest Products	9,399	9,860	-4.7	9,441	-.4
Lumber & Wood Products	6,731	7,465	-9.8	6,357	5.9
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,946	10,612	-6.3	10,198	-2.5
Chemicals	27,472	26,894	2.1	26,873	2.2
Petroleum Products	5,095	4,792	6.3	5,365	-5.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,213	10,990	2.0	11,462	-2.2
Coke	5,772	5,647	2.2	5,546	4.1
Metals & Products	9,444	10,837	-12.9	9,235	2.3
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,453	20,893	-6.9	18,041	7.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,860	9,311	-4.8	8,936	-.9
All Other Carloads	6,803	7,831	-13.1	7,489	-9.2
Total	**346,837**	**357,827**	**-3.1 %**	**343,408**	**1.0 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 38 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 23, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	346,837	357,827	-3.1 %	12,630,921	12,760,988	-1.0 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	72,636	72,280	.5	2,482,829	2,510,202	-1.1
Containers	50,735	48,878	3.8	1,803,963	1,649,939	9.3
Total	123,371	121,158	1.8	4,286,792	4,160,141	3.0
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.8	20.3	-2.5 %	725.4	726.1	-.1 %

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WASHINGTON, October 5, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 30 totaled 348,612, down 4.3 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 0.5 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 5.0 percent in the West and 3.6 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of coal were up 4,375 cars (3.3 percent). Grain was off by 4,805 cars (15.7 percent). Loadings of crushed stone, gravel and sand were down 1,994 cars (10.3 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings fell 1,663 cars (7.8 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 39 weeks of 1989 totaled 12,979,533, down 1.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 126,958 trailers and/or containers for the week ended September 30, down 0.7 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of 1989 was 4,413,750 trailers and/or containers, 2.9 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended September 30 totaled 19.9 billion, 2.9 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 745.2 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,837	30,642	-15.7 %	24,522	5.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,963	2,202	-10.9	1,600	22.7
Metallic Ores	17,625	22,530	-21.8	19,967	-11.7
Coal	135,130	130,755	3.3	132,353	2.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	17,277	19,271	-10.3	17,580	-1.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,935	11,091	-10.4	11,866	-16.3
Grain Mill Products	10,098	10,493	-3.8	10,005	.9
Food & Kindred Products	8,750	9,265	-5.6	8,756	-.1
Primary Forest Products	9,237	9,964	-7.3	9,399	-1.7
Lumber & Wood Products	7,258	7,587	-4.3	6,731	7.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,317	10,925	-5.6	9,946	3.7
Chemicals	27,669	26,998	2.5	27,472	.7
Petroleum Products	5,553	5,042	10.1	5,095	9.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,178	11,600	-3.6	11,213	-.3
Coke	5,677	5,884	-3.5	5,772	-1.6
Metals & Products	9,599	10,977	-12.6	9,444	1.6
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,537	21,200	-7.8	19,453	.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,802	9,766	-9.9	8,860	-.7
All Other Carloads	7,170	7,978	-10.1	6,803	5.4
Total	**348,612**	**364,170**	**-4.3 %**	**346,837**	**.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 39 WEEKS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	348,612	364,170	-4.3 %	12,979,533	13,125,158	-1.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	75,658	77,342	-2.2	2,558,487	2,587,544	-1.1
Containers	51,300	50,566	1.5	1,855,263	1,700,505	9.1
Total	126,958	127,908	-.7	4,413,750	4,288,049	2.9
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.9	20.5	-2.9 %	745.2 [r]	746.4 [r]	-.2 %

[r] Cumulative ton-miles revised to reflect revisions in Week 39, 1988, carloadings.

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WASHINGTON, October 12, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 7 totaled 343,374, down 3.1 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 1.5 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 2.5 percent in the West and 3.7 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of coal were up 3,396 cars (2.6 percent). Grain was off by 4,850 cars (15.3 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 3,850 cars (19.1 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings fell 1,972 cars (9.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 40 weeks of 1989 totaled 13,322,907, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 129,997 trailers and/or containers for the week ended October 7, up 6.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of 1989 was 4,543,747 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 7 totaled 19.8 billion, 2.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 765.1 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	26,775	31,625	-15.3 %	25,837	3.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,468	2,693	-8.4	1,963	25.7
Metallic Ores	16,267	20,117	-19.1	17,625	-7.7
Coal	132,344	128,948	2.6	135,130	-2.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,040	18,827	-4.2	17,277	4.4
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,417	11,159	-6.6	9,935	4.9
Grain Mill Products	10,052	10,300	-2.4	10,098	-.5
Food & Kindred Products	8,826	9,076	-2.8	8,750	.9
Primary Forest Products	8,956	9,369	-4.4	9,237	-3.0
Lumber & Wood Products	6,114	6,397	-4.4	7,258	-15.8
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,284	10,306	-.2	10,317	-.3
Chemicals	27,908	27,607	1.1	27,669	.9
Petroleum Products	5,236	5,089	2.9	5,553	-5.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,001	11,153	-1.4	11,178	-1.6
Coke	5,626	6,088	-7.6	5,677	-.9
Metals & Products	9,741	8,988	8.4	9,599	1.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,004	19,976	-9.9	19,537	-7.8
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,045	9,170	-12.3	8,802	-8.6
All Other Carloads	7,270	7,543	-3.6	7,170	1.4
Total	**343,374**	**354,431**	**-3.1 %**	**348,612**	**-1.5 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 40 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 7, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**343,374**	**354,431**	**-3.1 %**	**13,322,907**	**13,479,589**	**-1.2 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	76,726	74,396	3.1	2,635,213	2,661,940	-1.0
Containers	53,271	48,008	11.0	1,908,534	1,748,513	9.2
Total	**129,997**	**122,404**	**6.2**	**4,543,747**	**4,410,453**	**3.0**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**19.8**	**20.2**	**-2.0 %**	**765.1**	**766.6**	**-.2 %**

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WASHINGTON, October 19, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 14 totaled 351,055, down 1.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 2.2 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. Both the current week and the corresponding 1988 week included the Columbus Day holiday. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 0.3 percent in the West and 2.4 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of coal were up 7,515 cars (5.9 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 4,928 cars (22.1 percent). Motor vehicle and equipment loadings were off 2,084 cars (10.2 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 41 weeks of 1989 totaled 13,673,962, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 125,075 trailers and/or containers for the week ended October 14, up 5.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of 1989 was 4,668,822 trailers and/or containers, 3.1 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 14 totaled 20.2 billion, 0.5 percent above the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 785.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,439	31,083	-5.3 %	26,775	9.9 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,889	2,820	2.4	2,468	17.1
Metallic Ores	17,353	22,281	-22.1	16,267	6.7
Coal	134,432	126,917	5.9	132,344	1.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,460	18,703	-1.3	18,040	2.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,404	10,996	-5.4	10,417	-.1
Grain Mill Products	9,886	9,986	-1.0	10,052	-1.7
Food & Kindred Products	8,837	9,370	-5.7	8,826	.1
Primary Forest Products	9,334	10,033	-7.0	8,956	4.2
Lumber & Wood Products	6,093	6,939	-12.2	6,114	-.3
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,292	10,617	-3.1	10,284	.1
Chemicals	27,450	28,280	-2.9	27,908	-1.6
Petroleum Products	5,430	4,753	14.2	5,236	3.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,457	10,878	5.3	11,001	4.1
Coke	5,485	5,540	-1.0	5,626	-2.5
Metals & Products	9,209	9,802	-6.0	9,741	-5.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,275	20,359	-10.2	18,004	1.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,721	9,699	-10.1	8,045	8.4
All Other Carloads	7,609	7,125	6.8	7,270	4.7
Total	351,055	356,181	-1.4 %	343,374	2.2 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 41 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 14, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	351,055	356,181	-1.4 %	13,673,962	13,835,770	-1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	71,732	70,801	1.3	2,706,945	2,732,741	-.9
Containers	53,343	48,318	10.4	1,961,877	1,796,831	9.2
Total	125,075	119,119	5.0	4,668,822	4,529,572	3.1
Estimated Ton-Miles Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.2	20.1	.5 %	785.3	786.7	-.2 %

Carloadings are estimated for: Week 41, 1989 - DRGW, SP & SSW; Week 40, 1989 - DRGW.

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WASHINGTON, October 26, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 21 totaled 344,571, down 4.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988 and 1.8 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 6.4 percent in the East and 1.8 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, loadings of metallic ores were down 4,845 cars (19.3 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were off 2,656 cars (12.6 percent). Grain loadings were down 1,248 cars (4.1 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 42 weeks of 1989 totaled 14,018,224, down 1.3 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 125,376 trailers and/or containers for the week ended October 21, up 5.4 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of 1989 was 4,787,867 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 21 totaled 19.7 billion, 3.0 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 805.0 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,482	30,730	-4.1 %	29,360	.4 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,558	2,880	-11.2	2,885	-11.3
Metallic Ores	20,246	25,091	-19.3	17,352	16.7
Coal	127,006	126,806	.2	134,495	-5.6
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,737	18,889	-.8	18,601	.7
Nonmetallic Minerals	9,827	10,993	-10.6	10,321	-4.8
Grain Mill Products	10,594	10,302	2.8	10,161	4.3
Food & Kindred Products	9,152	9,500	-3.7	8,774	4.3
Primary Forest Products	9,282	9,961	-6.8	9,349	-.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,355	7,151	-11.1	6,266	1.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	9,621	10,214	-5.8	10,200	-5.7
Chemicals	26,855	27,911	-3.8	27,516	-2.4
Petroleum Products	4,812	5,088	-5.4	5,408	-11.0
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	11,049	11,472	-3.7	11,288	-2.1
Coke	5,740	5,490	4.6	5,521	4.0
Metals & Products	8,817	9,776	-9.8	9,097	-3.1
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	18,494	21,150	-12.6	18,219	1.5
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,805	9,880	-10.9	8,770	.4
All Other Carloads	7,139	6,997	2.0	7,163	-.3
Total	344,571	360,281	-4.4 %	350,746	-1.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 42 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 21, 1989		
TRAFFIC	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	344,571	360,281	-4.4 %	14,018,224	14,196,051	-1.3 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	71,925	71,128	1.1	2,778,629	2,803,869	-.9
Containers	53,451	47,862	11.7	2,009,238	1,844,693	8.9
Total	125,376	118,990	5.4	4,787,867	4,648,562	3.0
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.7	20.3	-3.0 %	805.0	807.0	-.2 %

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WASHINGTON, November 2, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 28 totaled 354,362, down 1.0 percent from the comparable week of 1988 but 2.8 percent above the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 1.6 percent in the East and 0.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal loadings were up 7,395 cars (5.9 percent). Loadings of metallic ores were down 6,273 cars (24.7 percent), and loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were off 1,940 cars (9.0 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 43 weeks of 1989 totaled 14,372,586, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 128,038 trailers and/or containers for the week ended October 28, up 2.6 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of 1989 was 4,915,813 trailers and/or containers, 3.0 percent above the comparable 1988 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended October 28 totaled 20.2 billion, virtually the same as the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 825.3 billion ton-miles, down 0.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989	COMPARISON WITH			
		SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	29,878	29,072	2.8 %	29,482	1.3 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,430	2,212	9.9	2,558	-5.0
Metallic Ores	19,131	25,404	-24.7	20,246	-5.5
Coal	133,570	126,175	5.9	127,006	5.2
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	18,586	18,390	1.1	18,737	-.8
Nonmetallic Minerals	11,020	10,620	3.8	9,827	12.1
Grain Mill Products	10,044	10,213	-1.7	10,594	-5.2
Food & Kindred Products	9,083	9,267	-2.0	9,152	-.8
Primary Forest Products	9,844	9,500	3.6	9,282	6.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,362	7,634	-16.7	6,355	.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,443	10,516	-.7	9,621	8.5
Chemicals	27,185	27,312	-.5	26,855	1.2
Petroleum Products	5,322	5,088	4.6	4,812	10.6
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,960	11,042	-.7	11,049	-.8
Coke	5,776	5,968	-3.2	5,740	.6
Metals & Products	9,305	10,279	-9.5	8,817	5.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	19,713	21,653	-9.0	18,494	6.6
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,644	9,701	-10.9	8,805	-1.8
All Other Carloads	7,066	7,895	-10.5	7,139	-1.0
Total	354,362	357,941	-1.0 %	344,571	2.8 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989			CUMULATIVE: 43 WEEKS ENDING OCTOBER 28, 1989		
	1989	1988	CHANGE	1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	354,362	357,941	-1.0 %	14,372,586	14,553,992	-1.2 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	74,867	75,317	-.6	2,853,385	2,879,186	-.9
Containers	53,171	49,509	7.4	2,062,428	1,894,202	8.9
Total	128,038	124,826	2.6	4,915,813	4,773,388	3.0
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	20.2	20.2	.0 %	825.3	827.2	-.2 %